

# SPICE & WOLF

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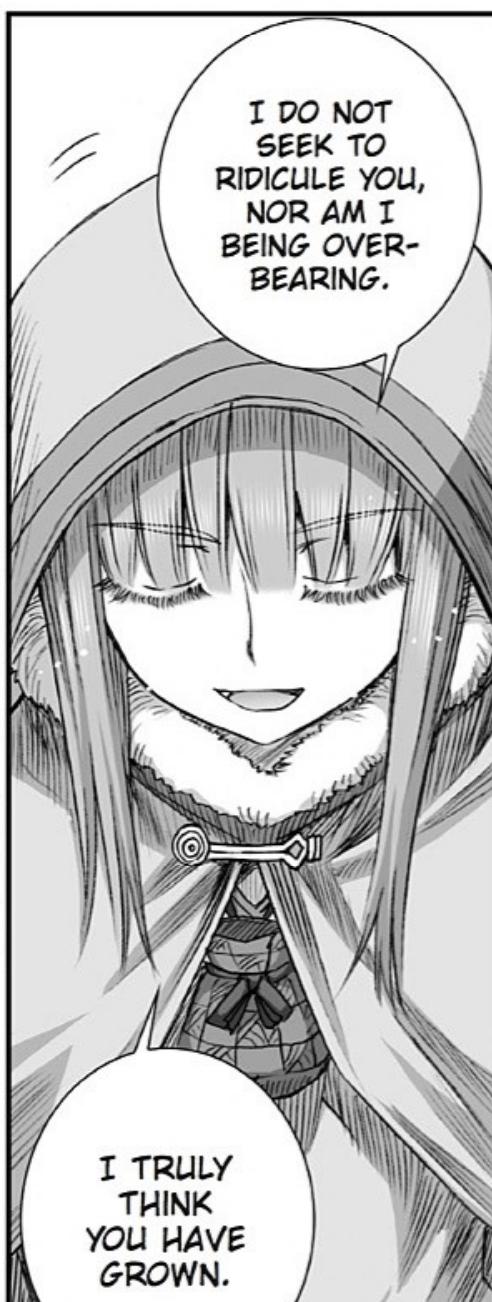
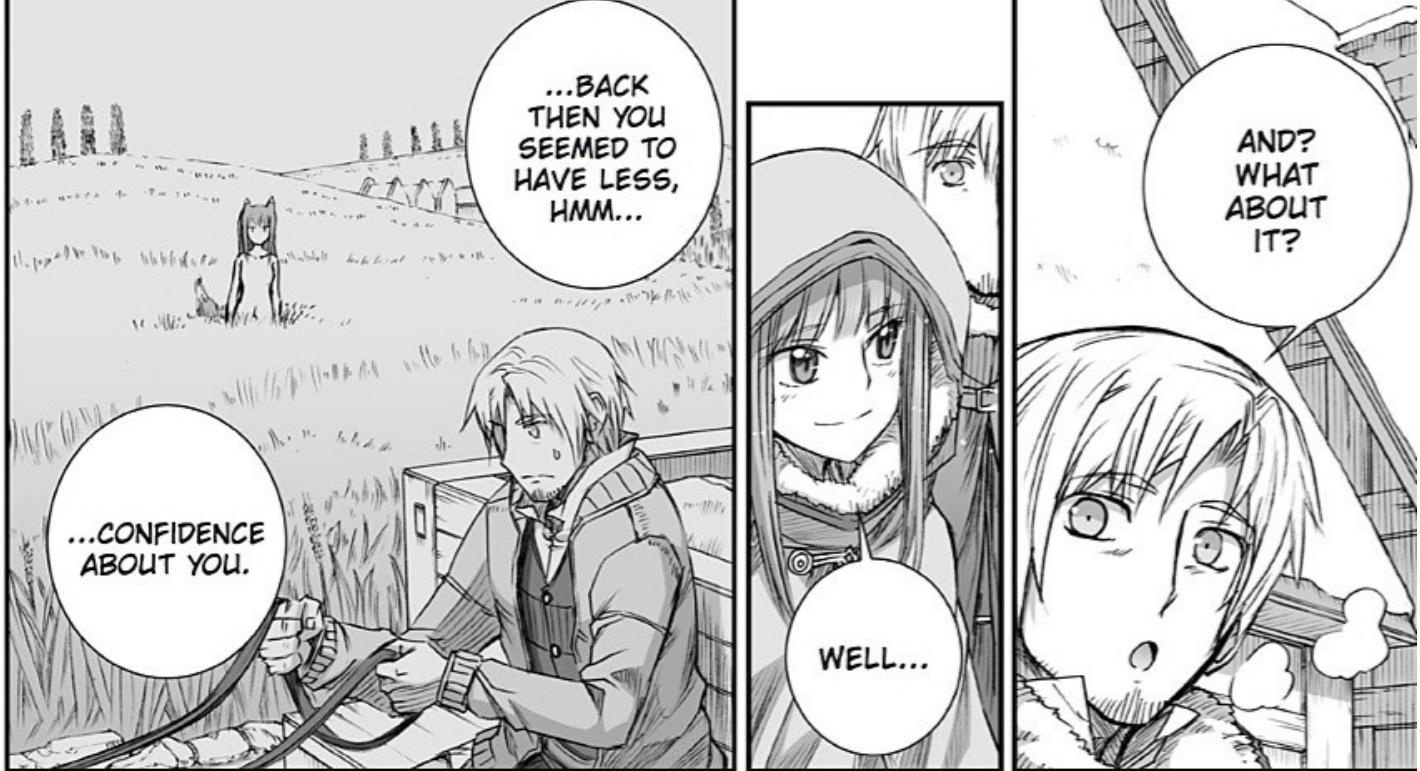


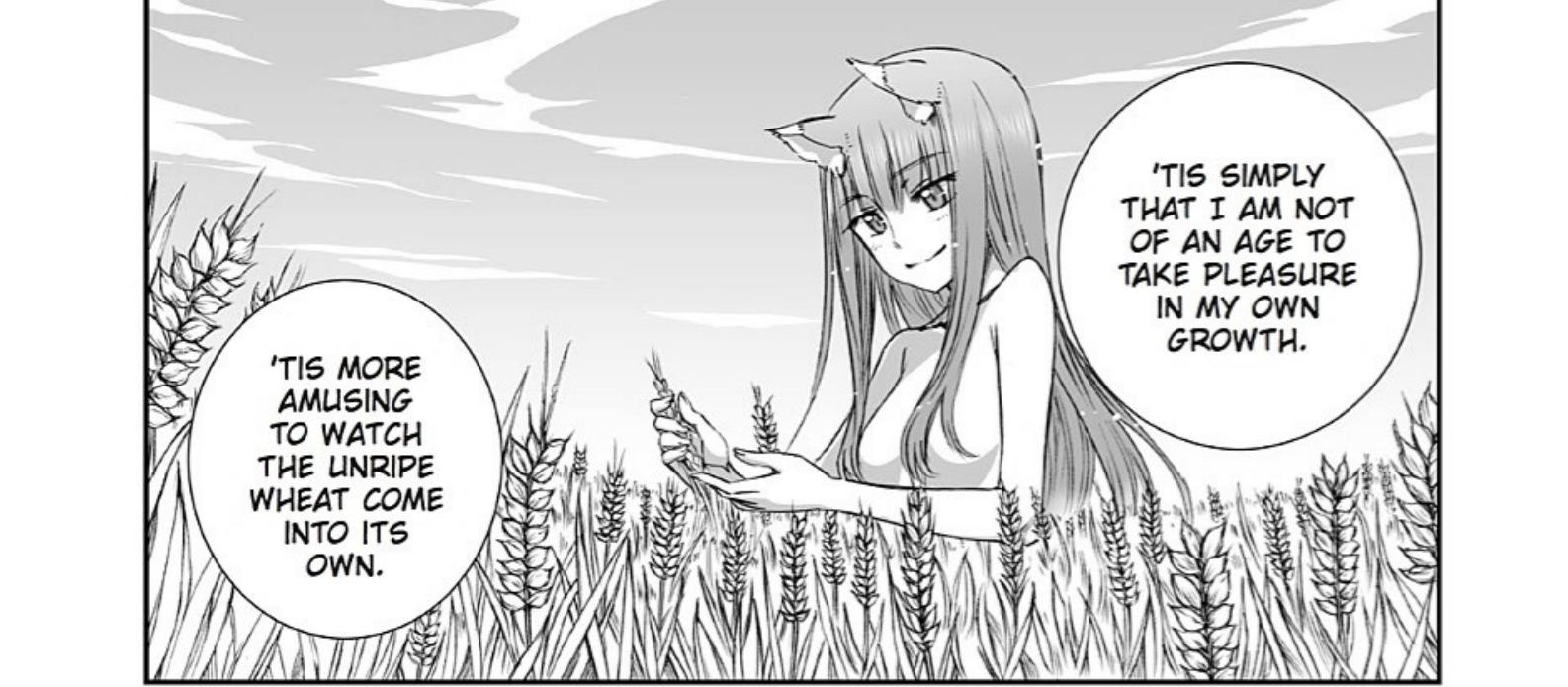
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'TIS MORE  
AMUSING  
TO WATCH  
THE UNRIPE  
WHEAT COME  
INTO ITS  
OWN.

'TIS SIMPLY  
THAT I AM NOT  
OF AN AGE TO  
TAKE PLEASURE  
IN MY OWN  
GROWTH.



'TWAS  
THEN, I  
REALIZED.

WHEREVER I  
WENT, I DRANK  
AND DANCED THE  
NIGHT AWAY AND  
FINALLY SETTLED  
IN PASLOE.



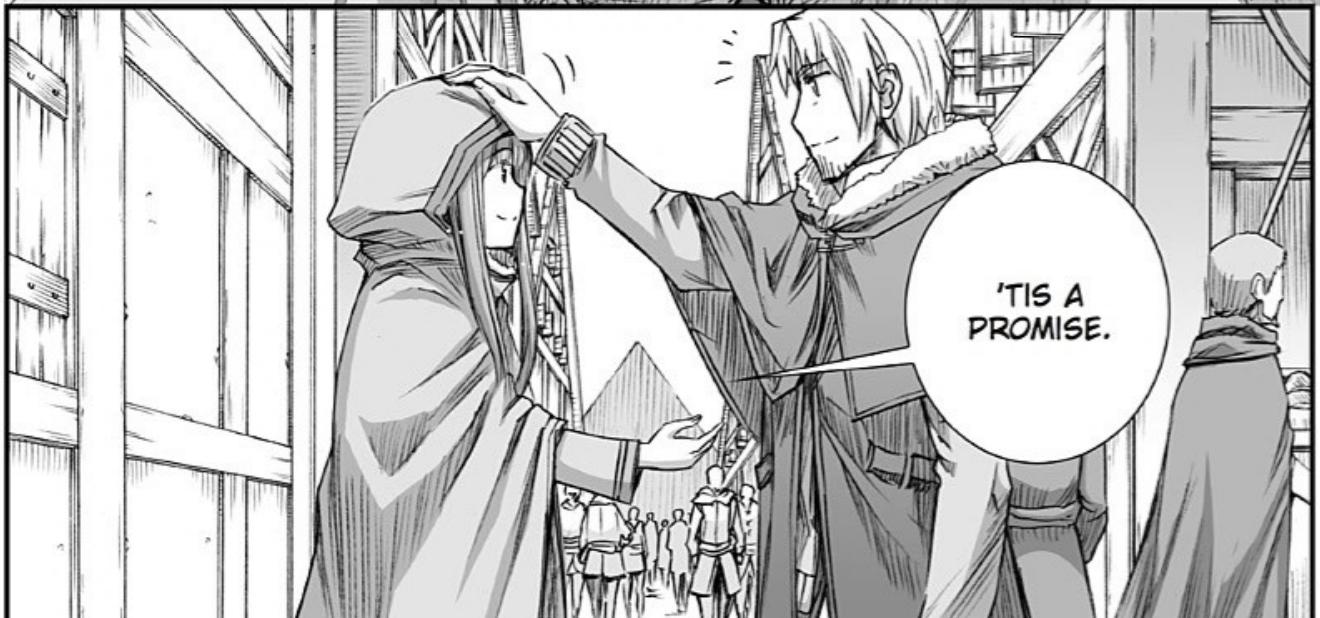
IN THE END,  
I SET OFF  
FROM YOITSU  
TO PURSUE  
MY OWN  
ENJOYMENT.



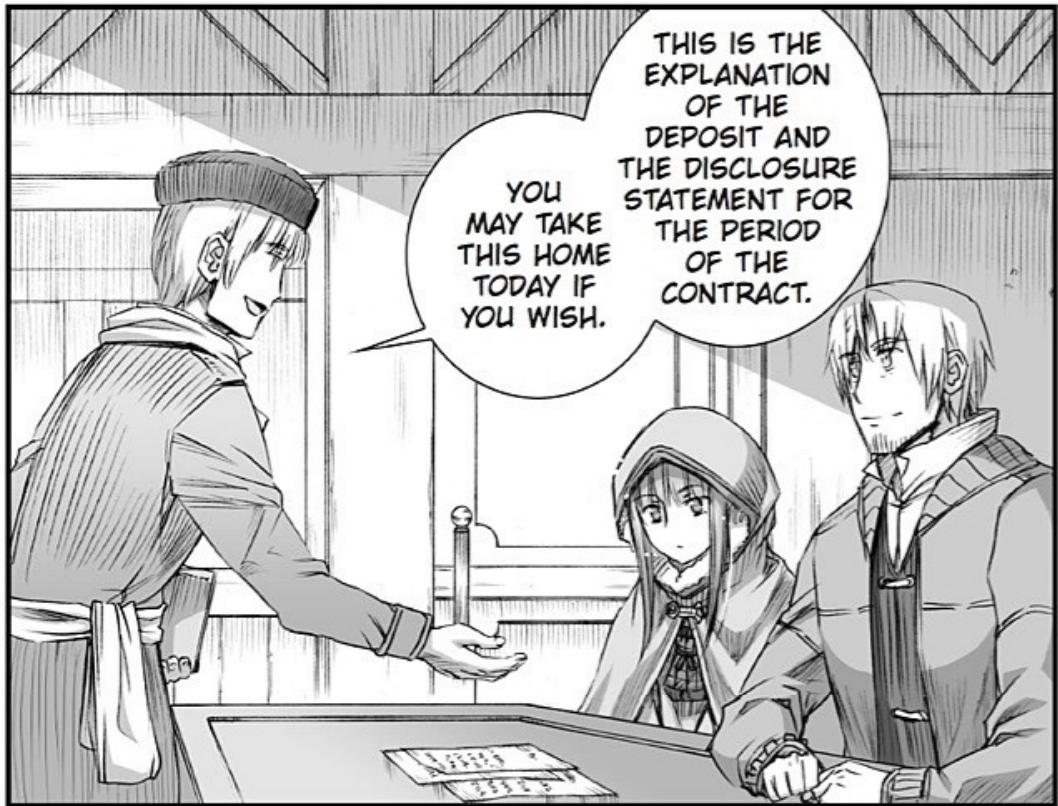
TO DO  
SOMETHING  
TOGETHER  
WITH ANOTHER  
IS MUCH MORE  
PROFOUND.

TON  
(TAP)

ENJOY-  
MENT FOR  
ONESELF ALONE  
SURPRISINGLY  
CANNOT SUSTAIN  
ANYONE FOR  
LONG.







THANK  
YOU.



BUT ONCE I'D MADE UP MY MIND, I HAD TO THINK IT THROUGH POSITIVELY AND GO WITH IT, WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT HOW IT WOULD SEEM TO ONLOOKERS.

...IN A NEW TOWN OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION'S INFLUENCE, WITH THE MONEY I HAVE ON ME.

I'M BUYING A STORE ON A STREET THAT DOESN'T HAVE A NAME YET...

KASA (CRUSTLE) 

WHAT SORT OF FOOLISH REASON?

BUT IF I GIVE A SEEMINGLY FOOLISH REASON FOR IT, IT BECOMES MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE.

WHAT IF THE DEBAU COMPANY EXPANDED THE TOWN AS LARGE AS IT COULD...

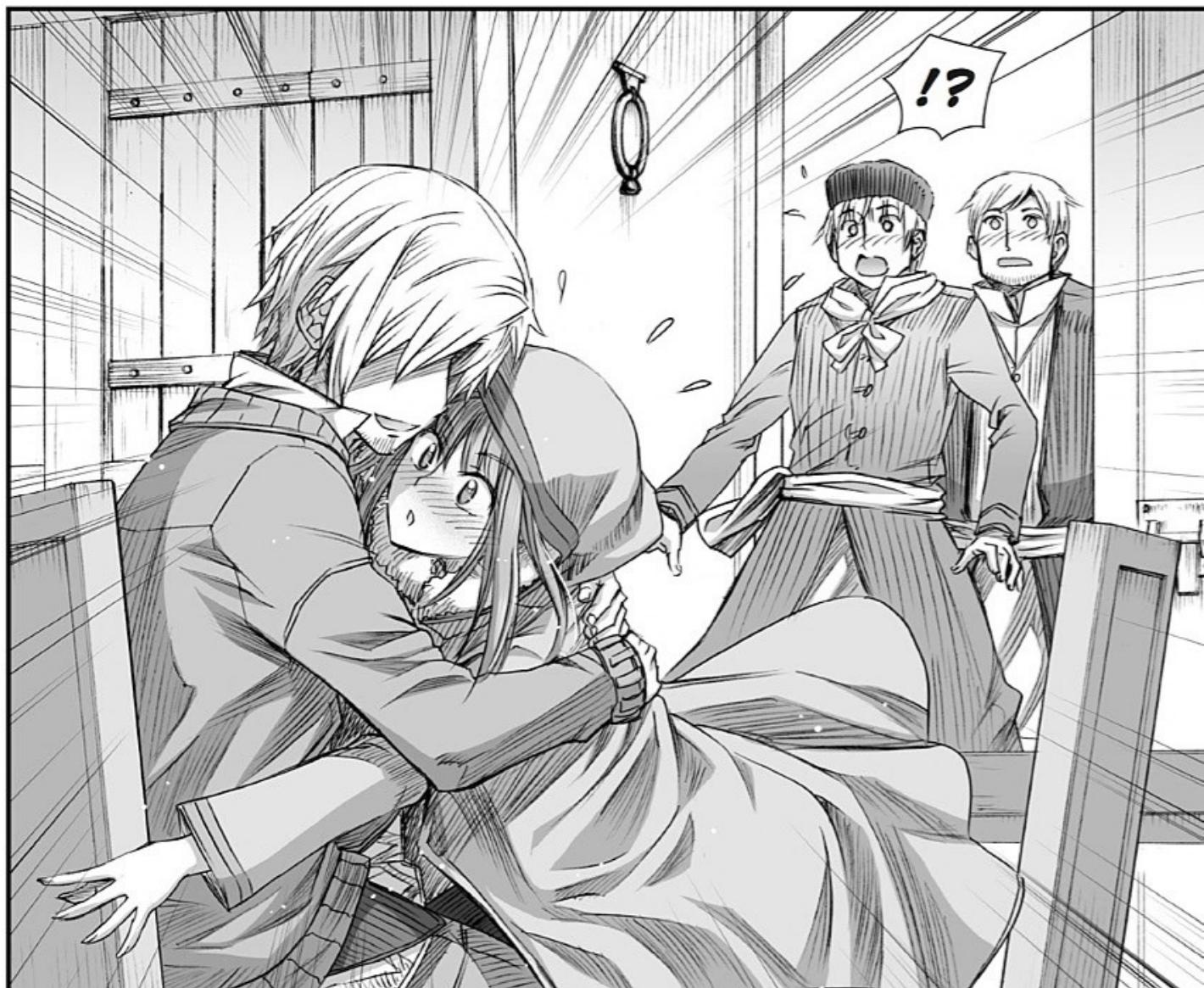
...AND CREATED A HUGE ECONOMIC SPHERE?

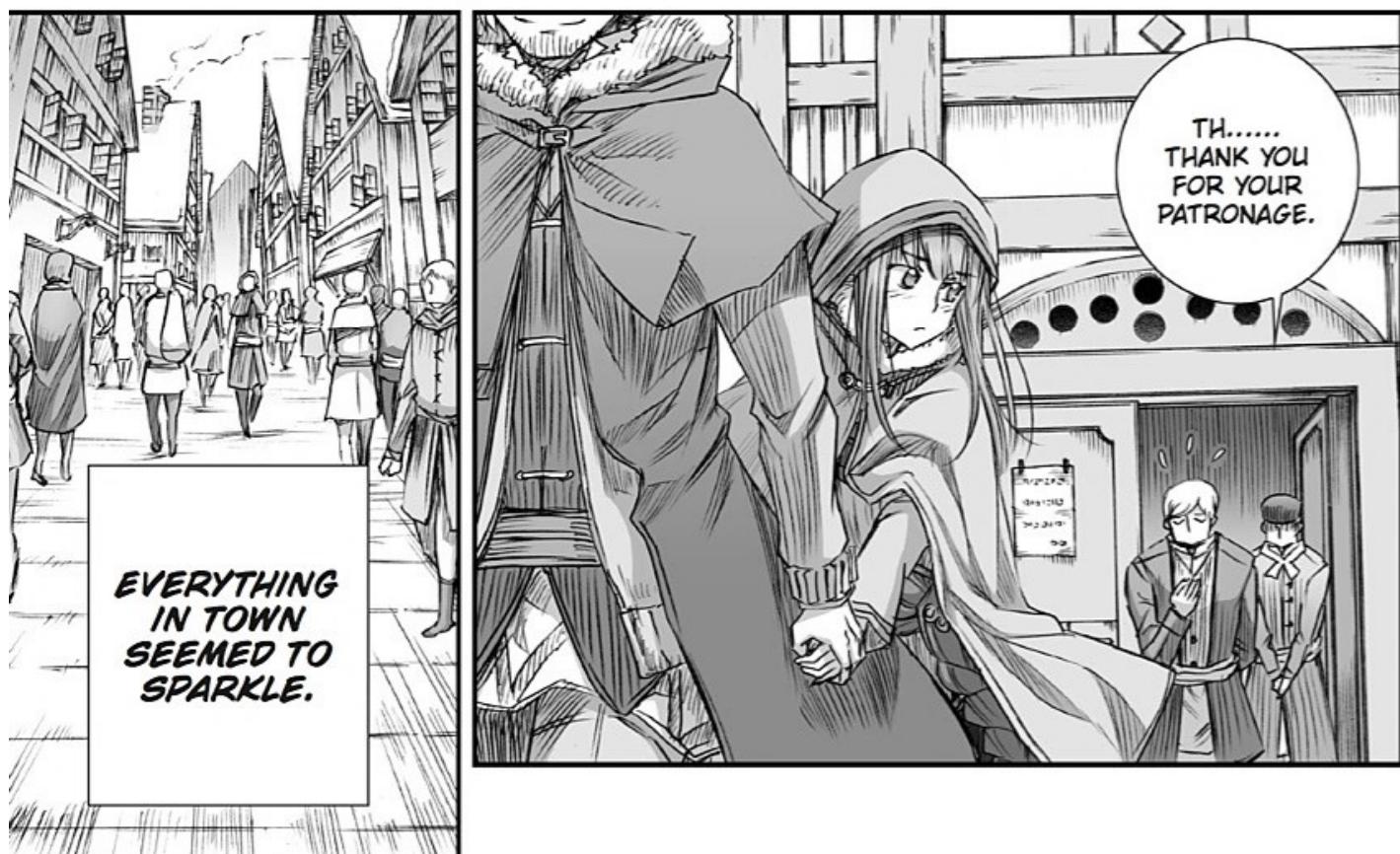
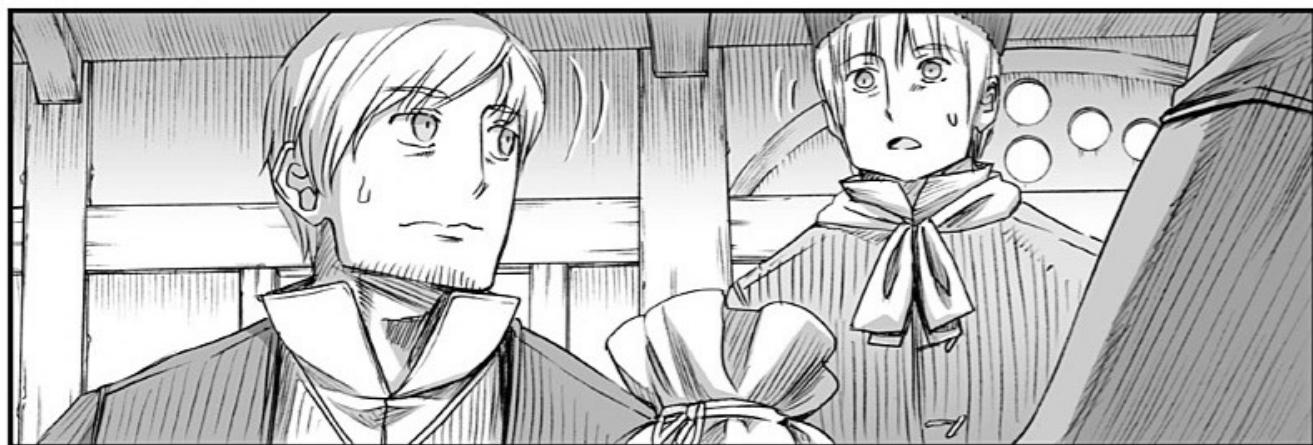
HMM, FOR EXAMPLE...



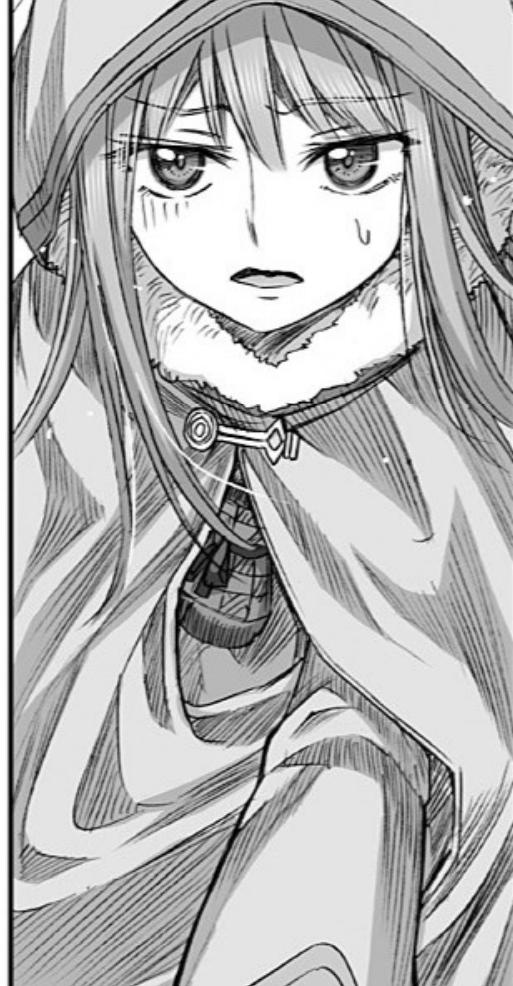
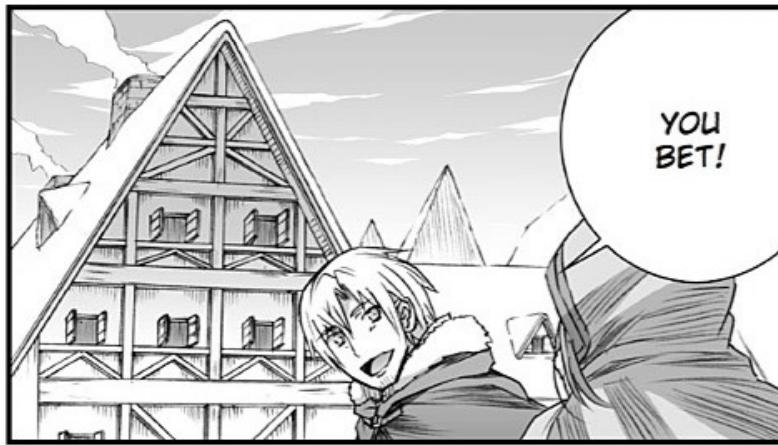
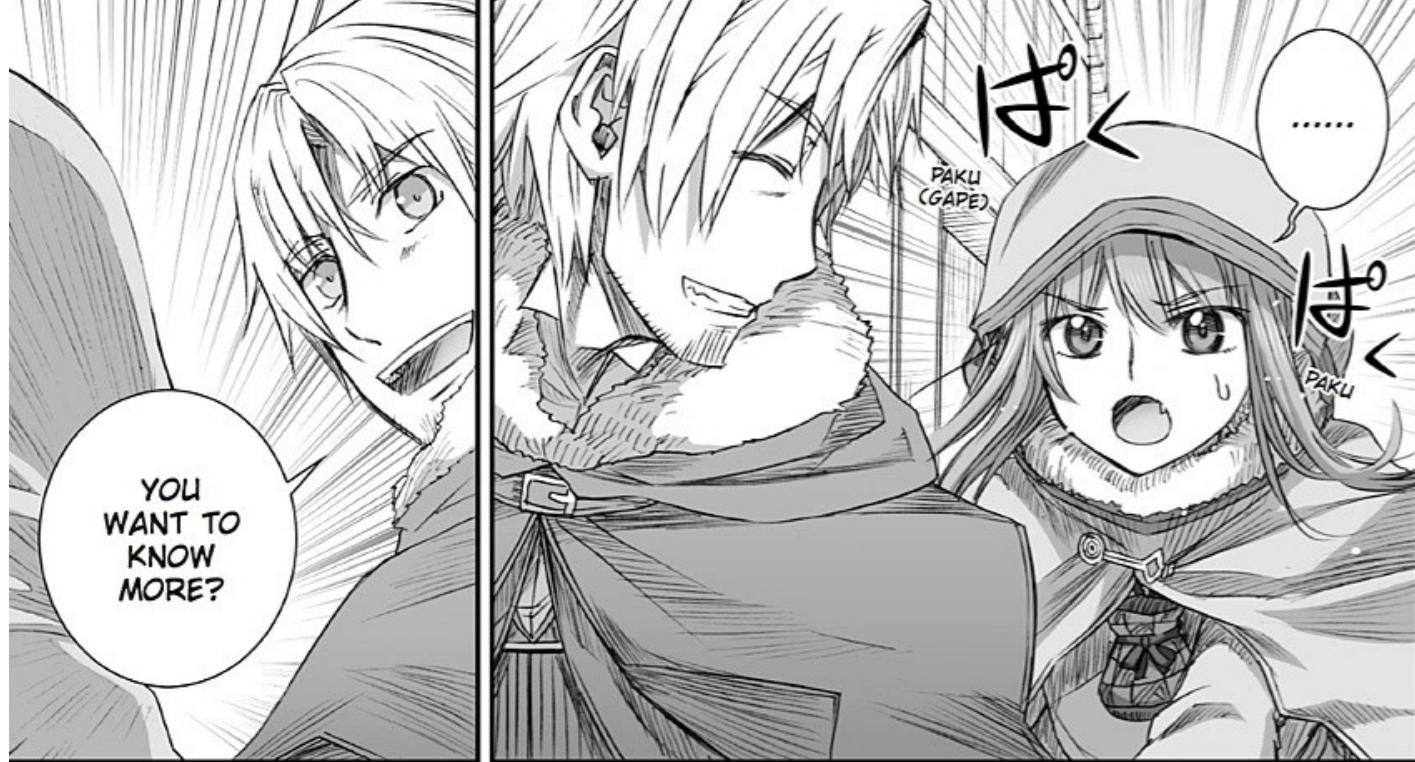






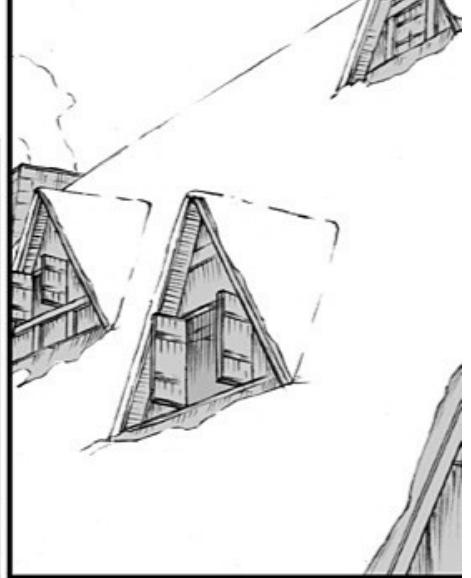
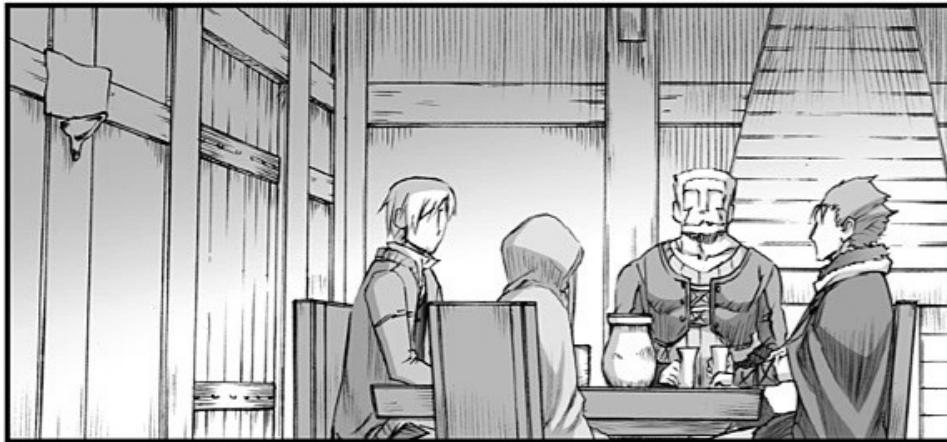




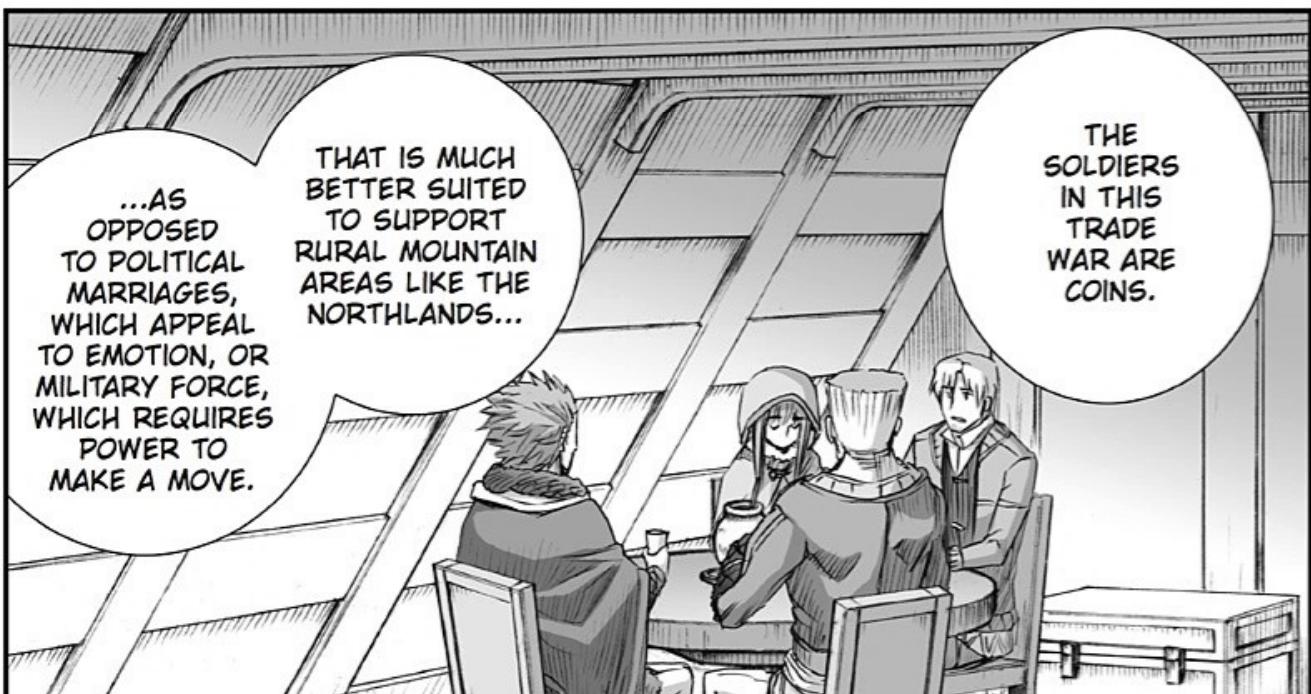
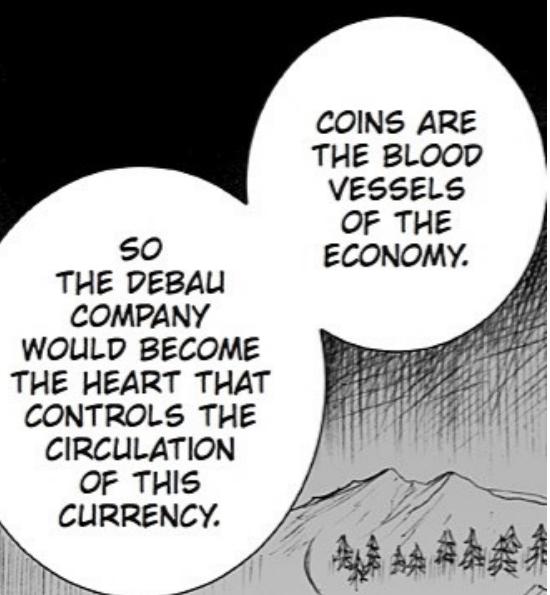
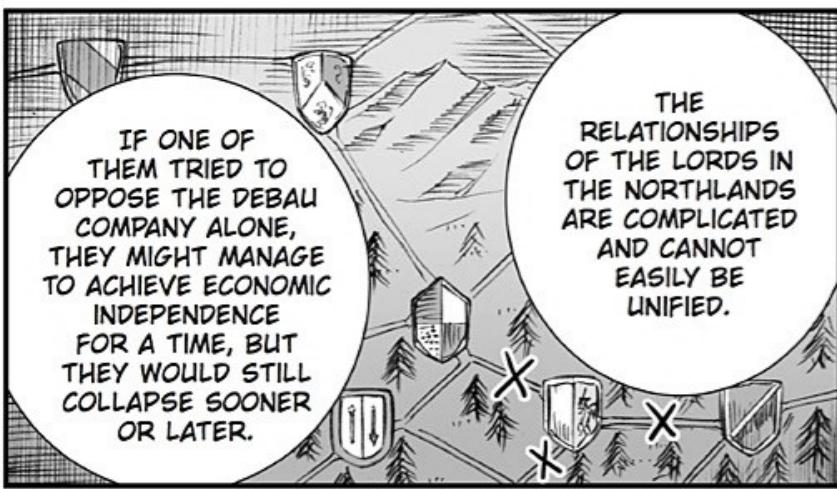












NOW, IT SHOULD BE THAT THE TRENNI SILVER PIECE IS INDISPENSABLE IN THE NORTHLANDS.



...AND CONVERTED ALL FOURTEEN KINDS OF COIN THAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN THE NORTHLANDS TO THE TRENNI SILVER PIECE.

THE DEBAU COMPANY DEVELOPED THE TOWN OF LESKO...

IT'S UNLIKELY THE ONES THAT HAVE ALREADY INVESTED WOULD REFUSE...

"TO CONTINUE STABLY DEVELOPING THIS TOWN, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ISSUE NEW COINAGE. WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION."

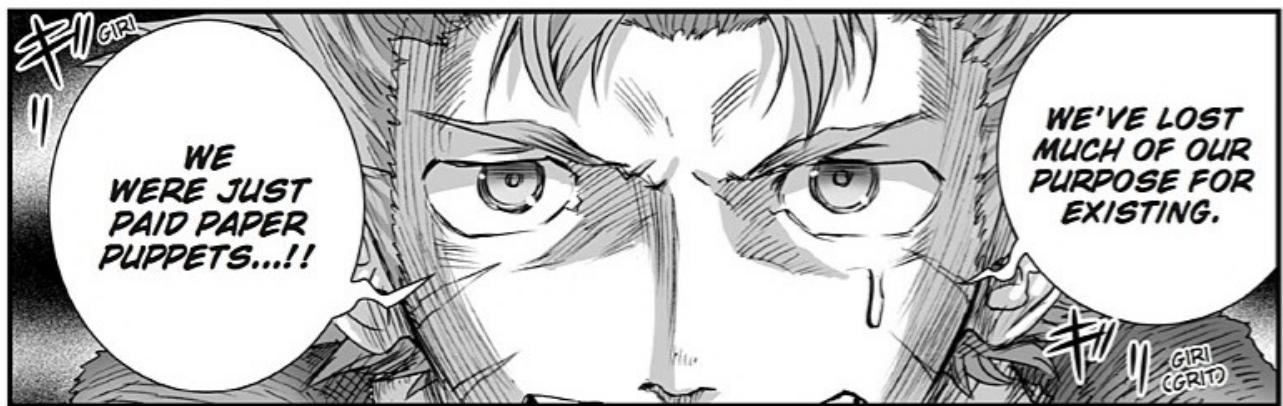
I'M SURE THEY'VE ALREADY MADE A PROPOSAL TO THE LORDS—

BUT NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY COLLECT, IT WILL RUN OUT EVENTUALLY...

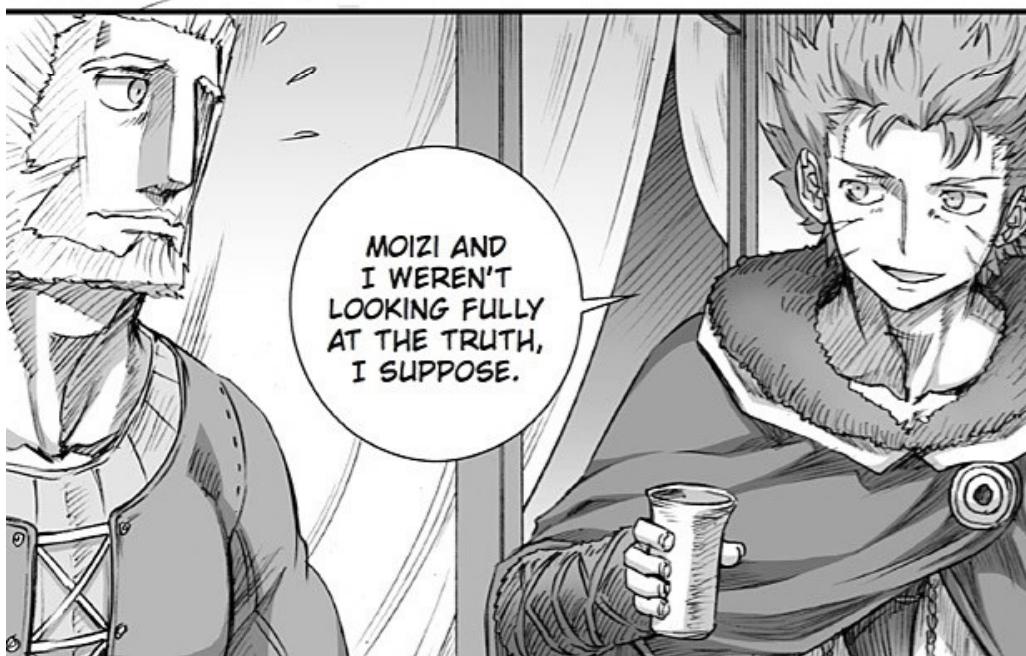
THE LORDS JUST HAVEN'T REALIZED YET THAT THEY'VE DEVOLVED INTO PIGS BLINDED BY MONEY.

GLUG (GLUG)

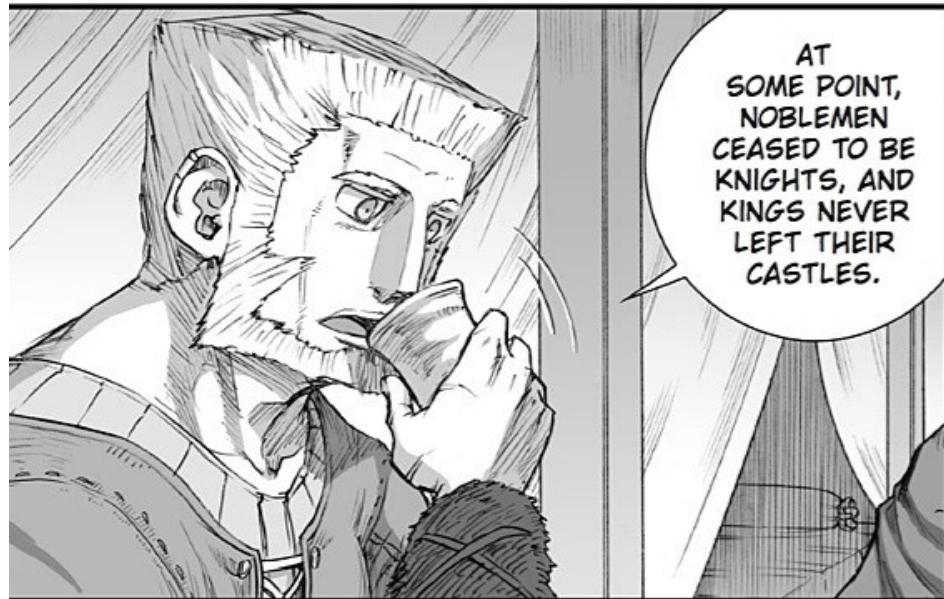




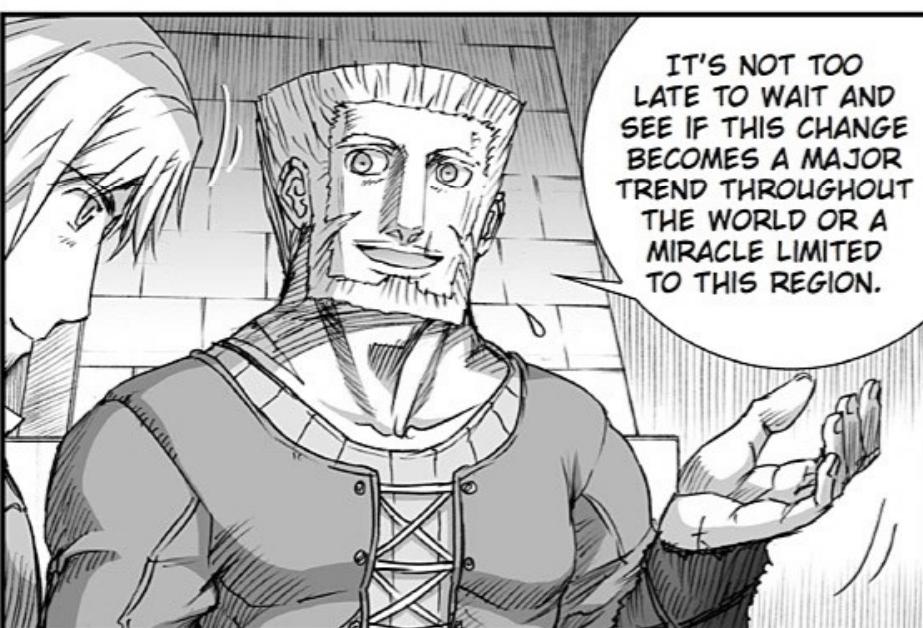
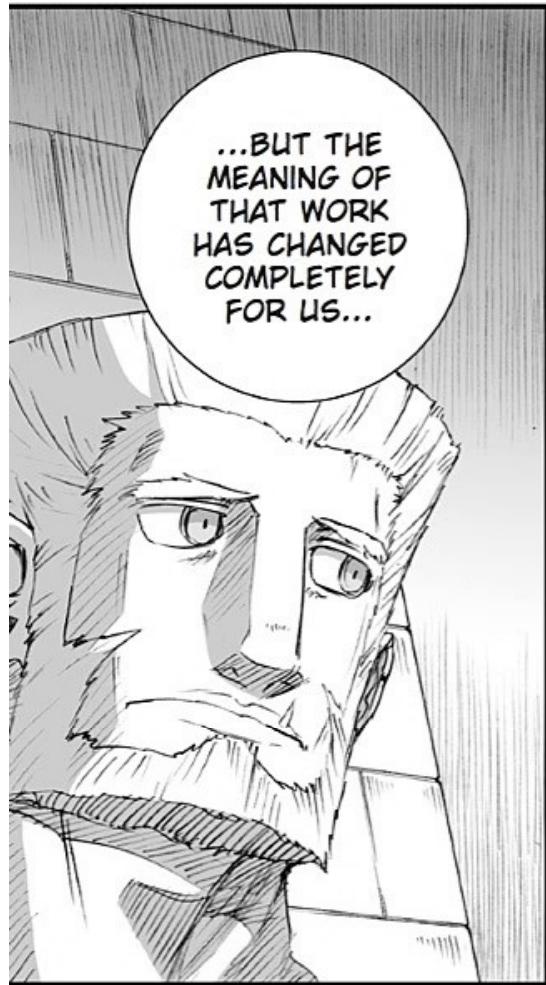
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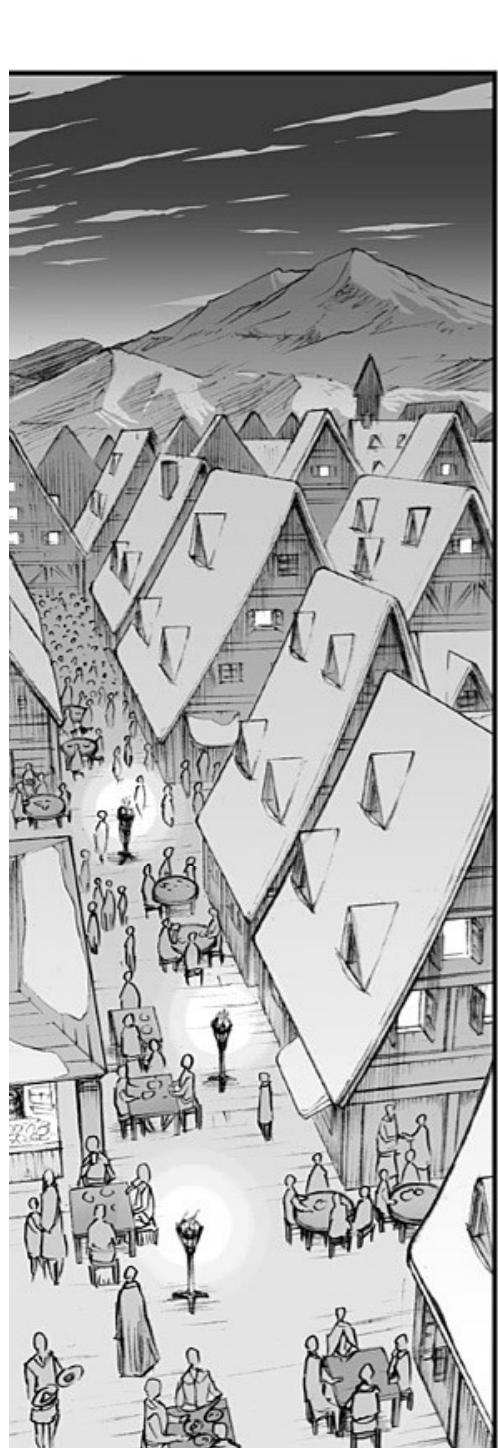
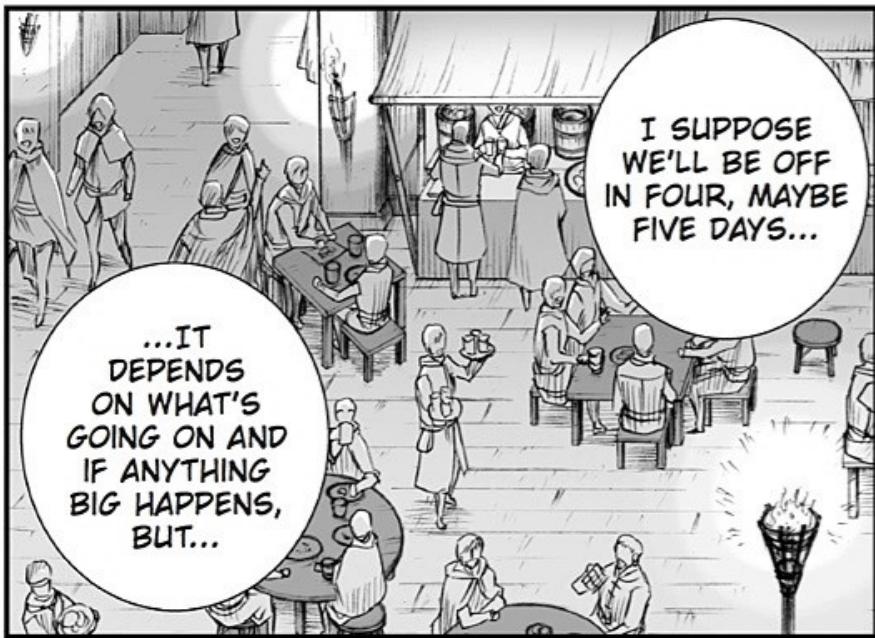




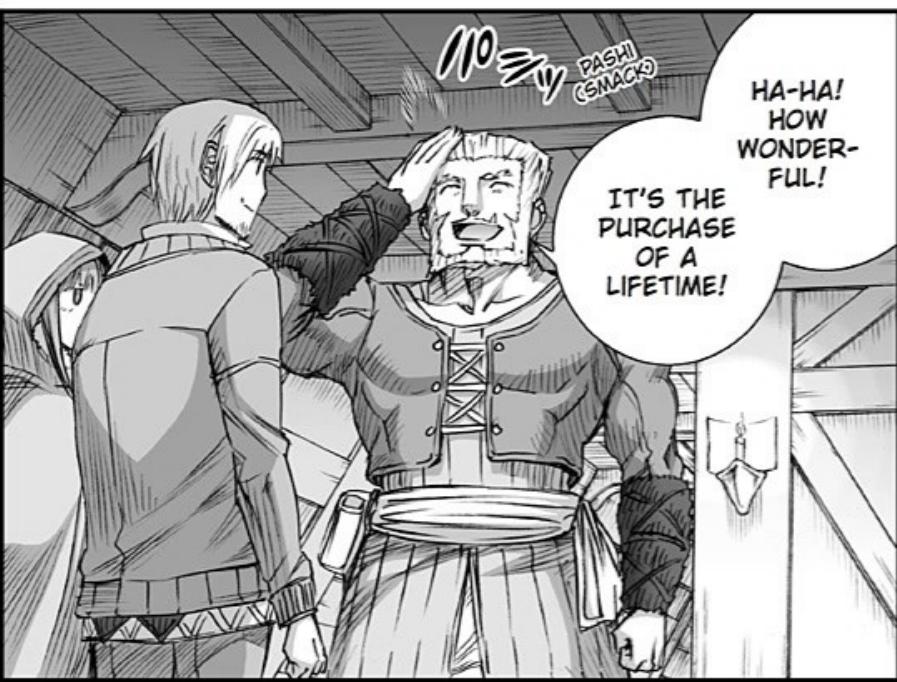














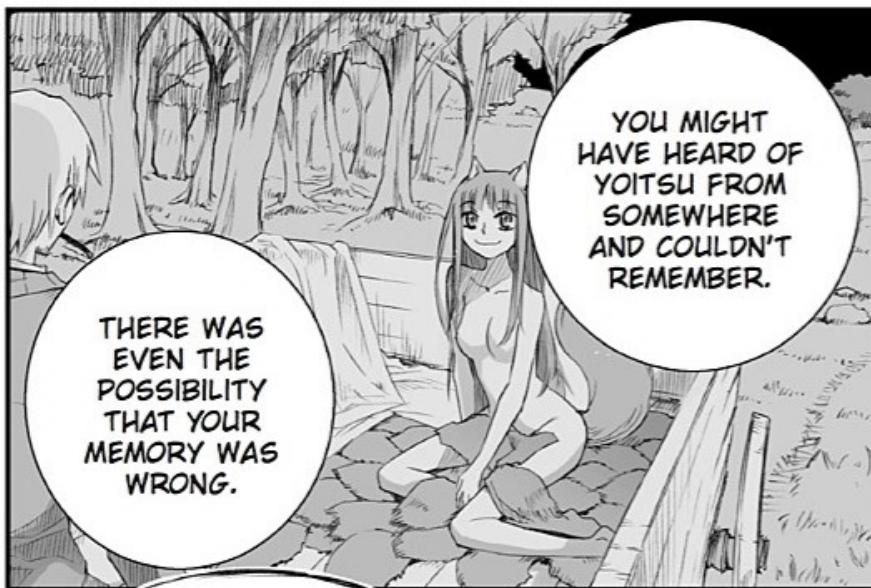
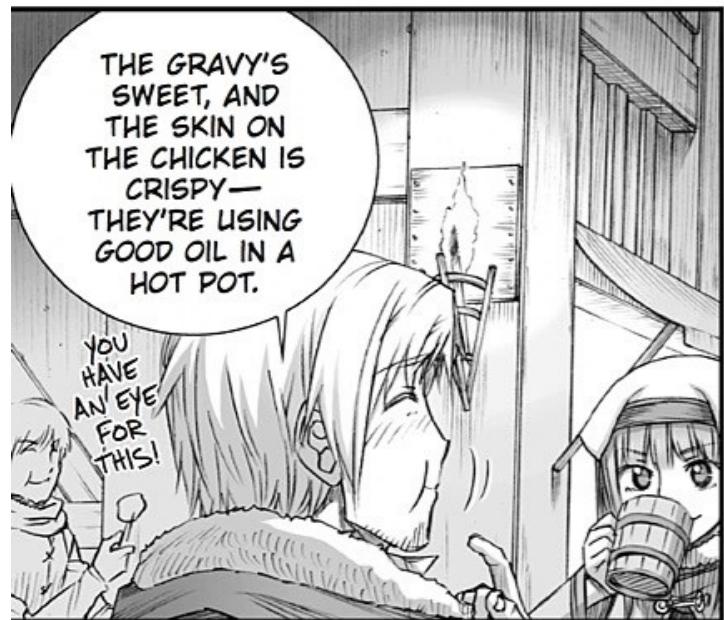




'TIS BECAUSE  
YOU SHAMELESSLY  
SPOUT SUCH  
THINGS THAT I SAY  
YOU ARE A FOOL.

I'M  
HAPPY.  
THAT'S  
SOMETHING  
WORTH  
SMILING  
ABOUT.



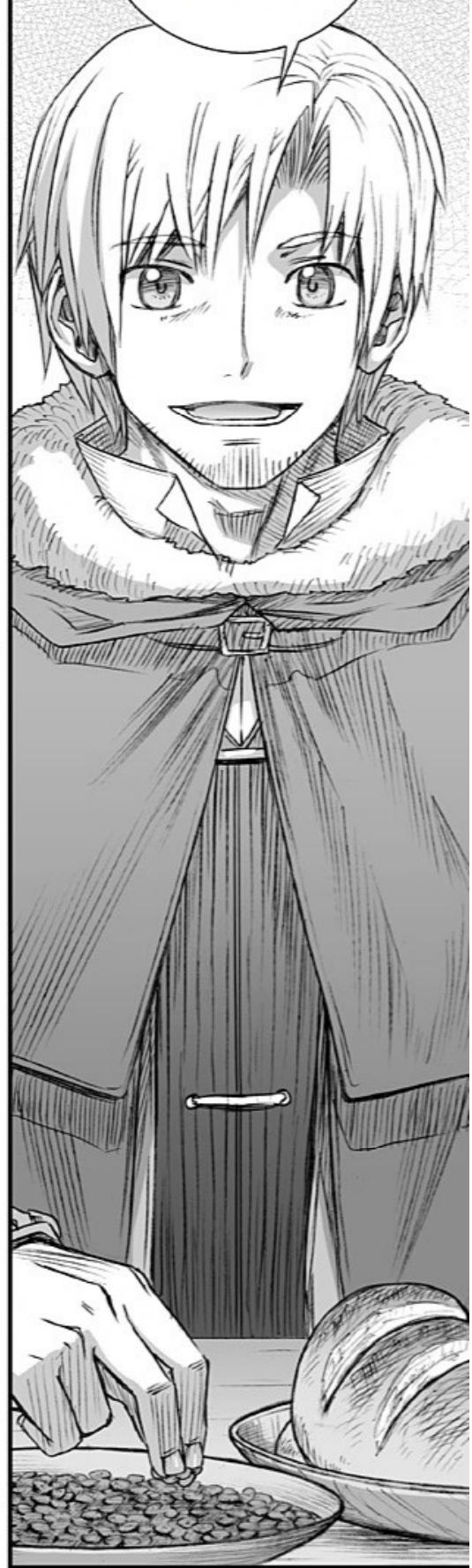


HMPH.

YOU KEEP  
GETTING  
FURTHER AND  
FURTHER  
AWAY.



LET'S TALK  
ABOUT WHAT  
HAPPENS  
AFTER  
YOITSU.









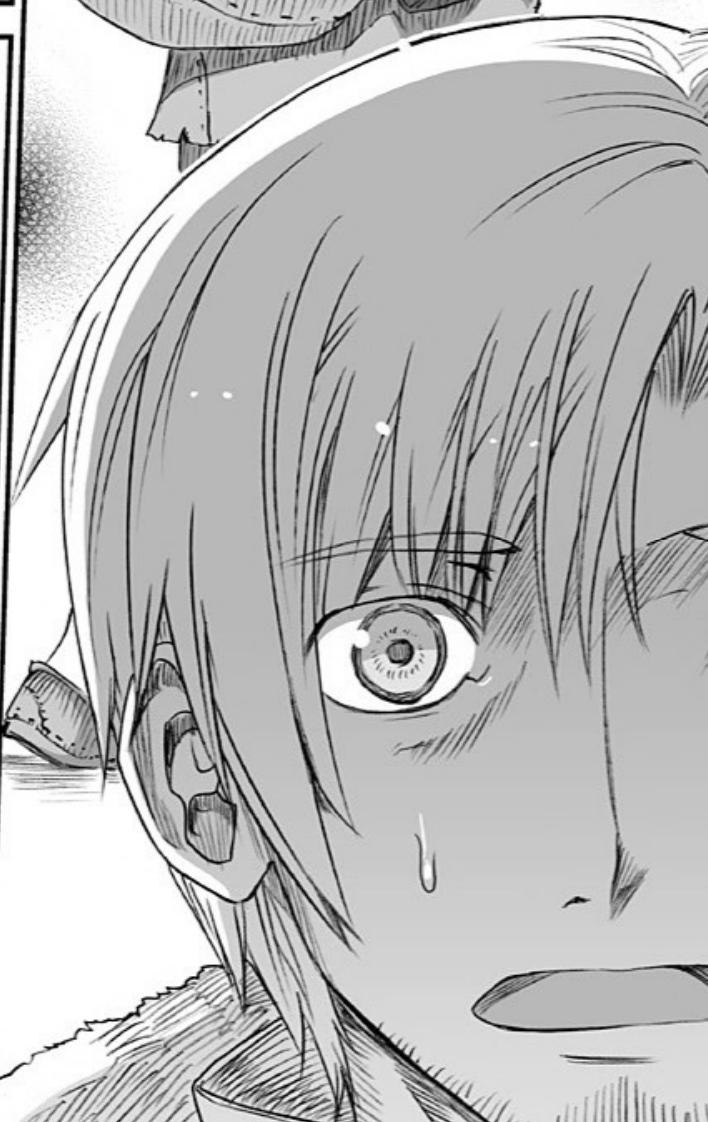
AND YOU  
FULFILLED  
YOUR  
PROMISE  
TO ME.

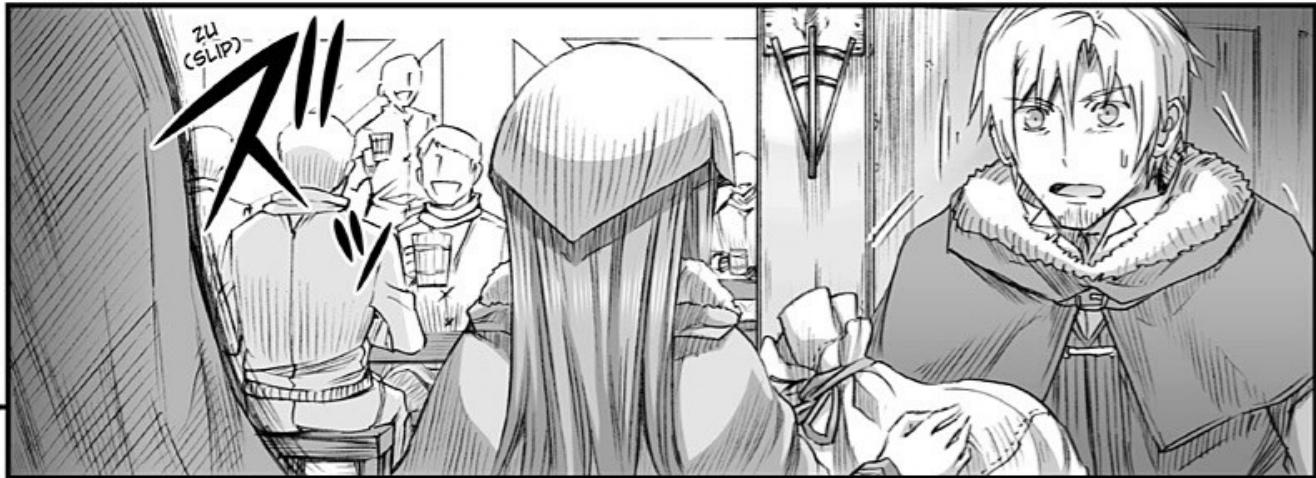
GOTO  
(THUNK)

SO AS FOR  
WHAT COMES  
AFTER...











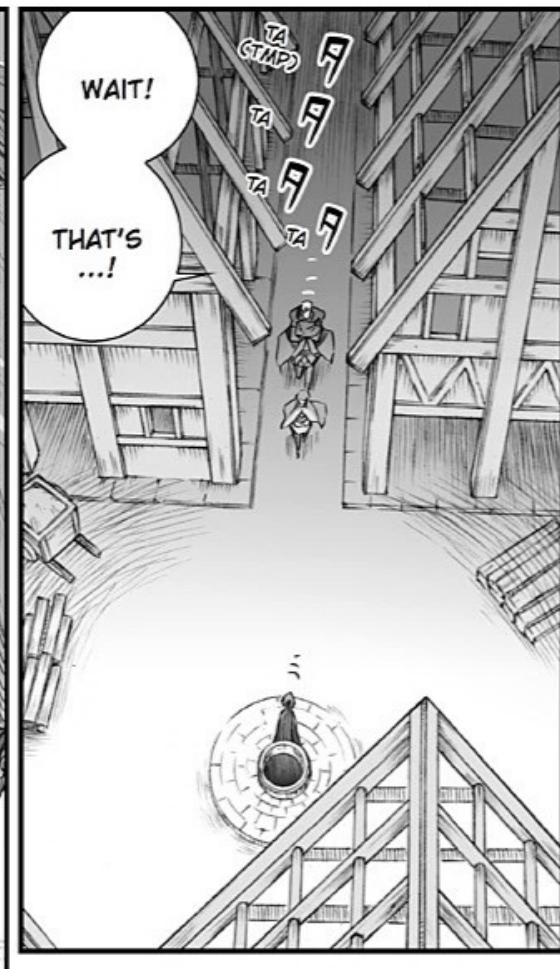
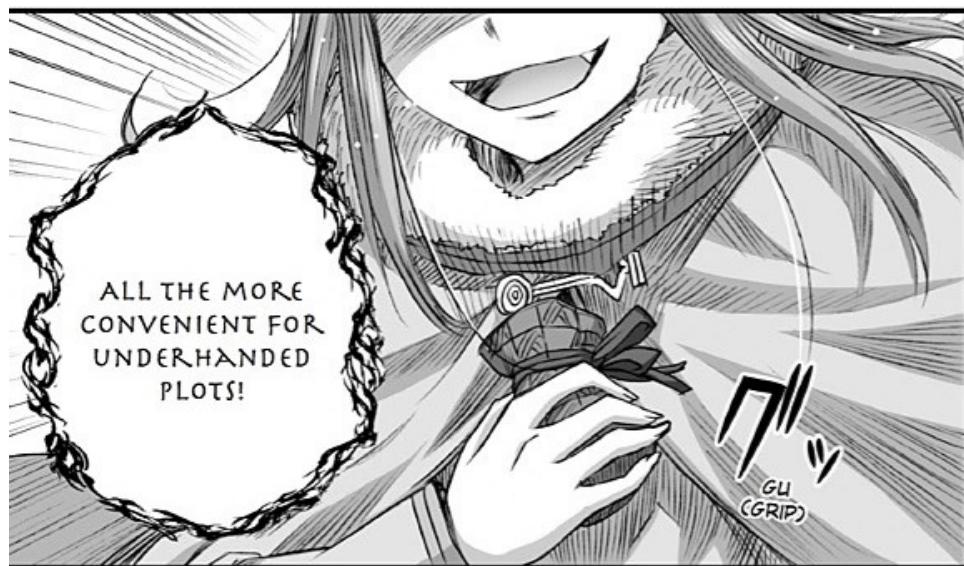


I DO NOT  
KNOW. NOT  
LIKELY.

.....











I  
APOLOGIZE  
FOR  
AGGRIEVING  
THE BAG'S  
OWNER.



IT  
TALKED  
!?



I WOULD  
VERY MUCH  
LIKE TO AVOID  
IT COMING  
TO THAT.





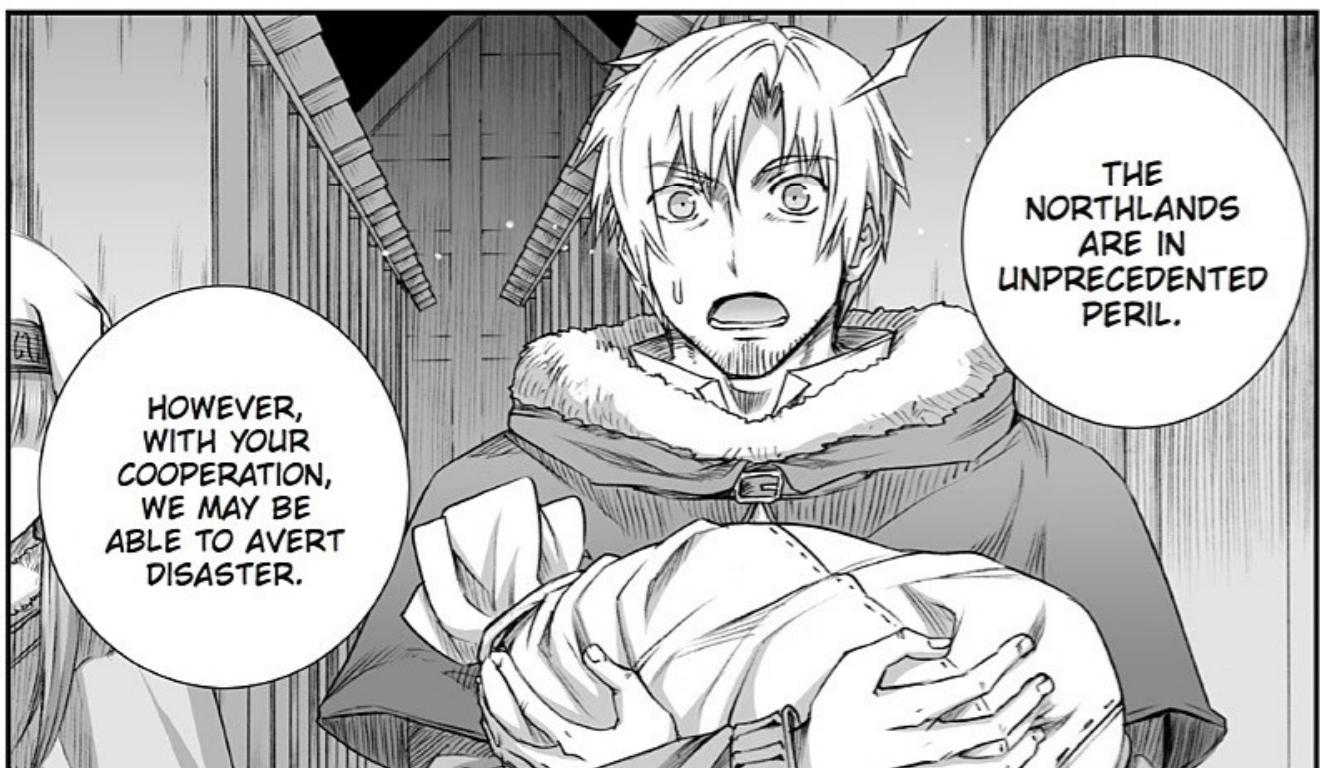
TREASURER  
OF THE DEBALU  
COMPANY.

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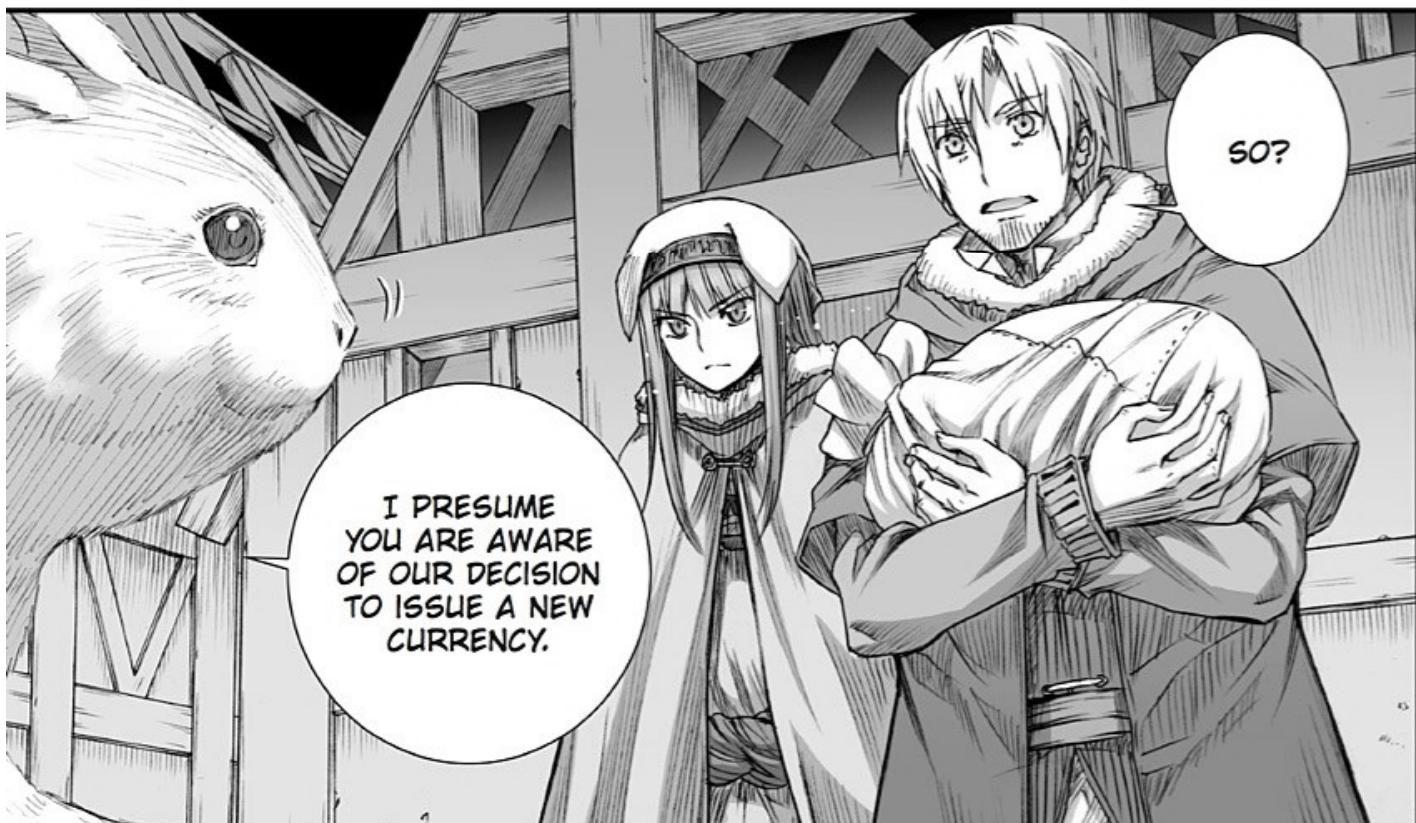


HE SMELLS OF SOMEONE ESTRANGED FROM AN HONEST LIFE.

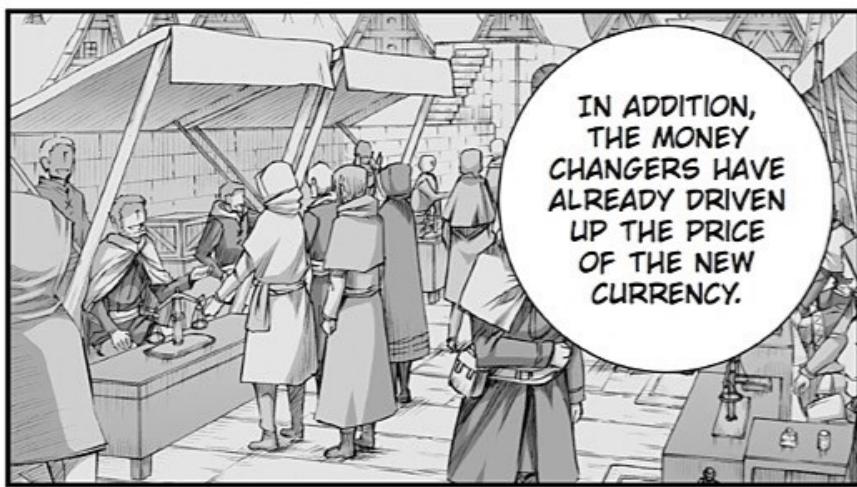




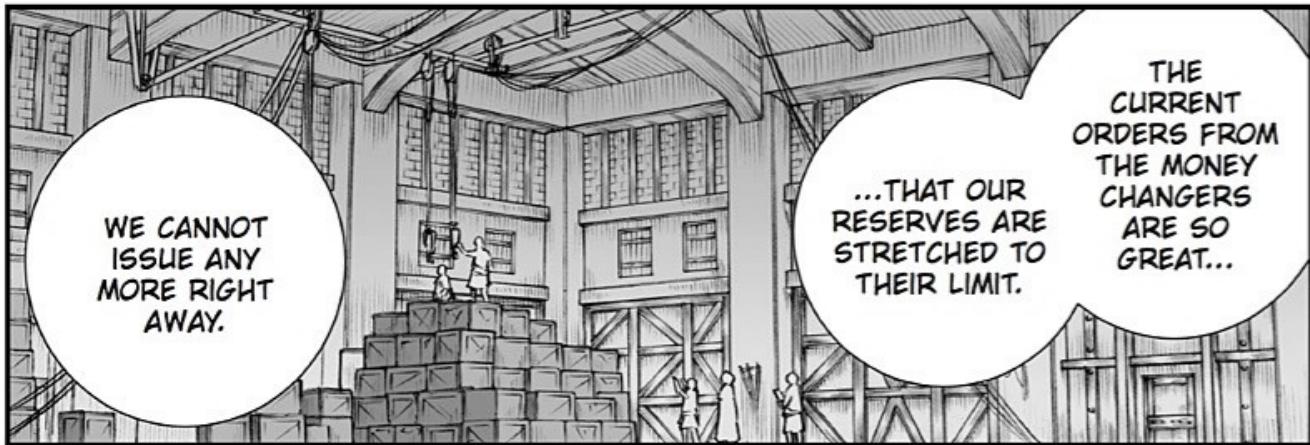
INTERNALLY,  
THE DEBALU  
COMPANY IS  
CURRENTLY  
AT ODDS...

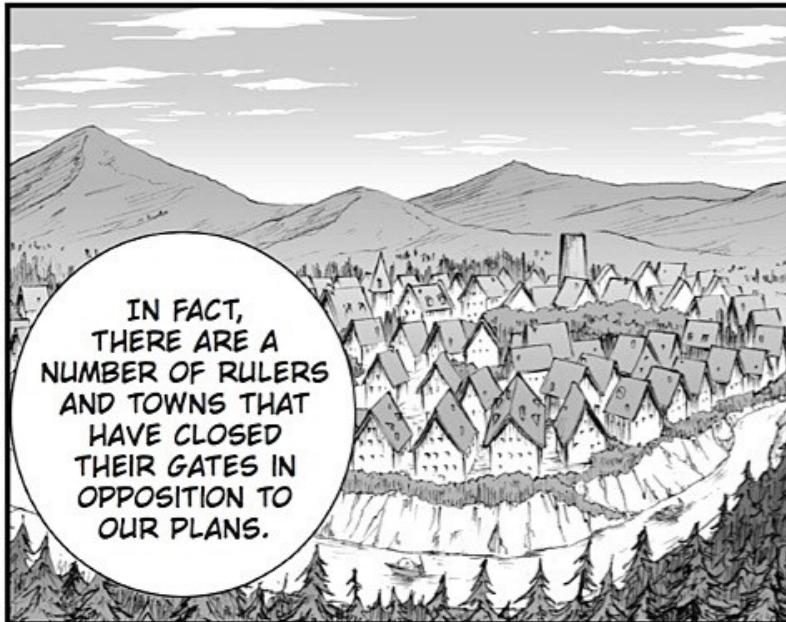














THEY ARE STRESSING THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR CURRENT MINES GOING DRY.



THEY ARE NOT MERELY SUGGESTING TAKING THAT WHICH WE LACK...

THOSE URGING AGGRESSION ARE THINKING RATIONALLY, IN A SENSE.



BUT EVEN IN NORMAL TIMES, DEVELOPING A MINE IS A DIFFICULT POLITICAL ISSUE.

THEY SAY WE SHOULD BEGIN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MINES NOW.



IF THE DEBAU COMPANY COULD TRULY PULL THE NORTHLANDS TOGETHER—THEN THEY COULD BECOME LORDS OF THEIR OWN IN NO TIME.

RAGING AVARICE, DESIRE FOR PROFITS, AND OBSTACLES THAT MUST BE ELIMINATED IN ORDER TO LINE EVERYTHING UP...



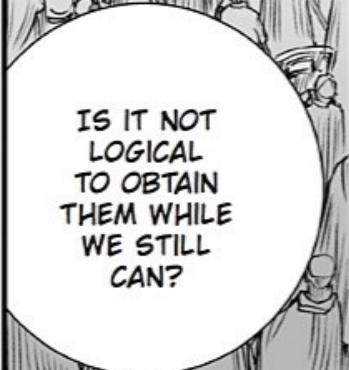
AND DOES NOT ROBBING THE TREASURE CHESTS OF TOWNS AND BRINGING DOWN THEIR RULERS KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE...?



HOWEVER, WITH THE COMPANY SO VIGOROUS RIGHT NOW, WHY NOT SIMPLY GAIN LANDS RICH IN ORE DEPOSITS?



I DON'T THINK ANYONE WHO OPPOSES THE DEBAU COMPANY UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE LEFT ALIVE.



IS IT NOT LOGICAL TO OBTAIN THEM WHILE WE STILL CAN?

HOWEVER, IF WE HAD YOUR FORBIDDEN BOOK, WE COULD AT LEAST DISRUPT THE MINE-DEPLETION ARGUMENT.

...THEIR GREED WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL THE NORTHLANDS ARE AN ASHEN WASTELAND...

I'M GOING TO THROW UP...

YORO (STAGGER)

WITH ADVANCES IN MINING TECHNOLOGY, IT WOULD NOT BE ODD IF A MINE, ONCE THOUGHT DEPLETED, WAS REOPENED.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS.

EVEN IF WE CANNOT DEVELOP NEW MINES, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN EXCAVATING AGAIN IN MINES ALREADY CLOSED.

THE MAJORITY OF LORDS WOULD SELL US ABANDONED MINES WITHOUT OBJECTION.

SURELY THE  
MOON-HUNTING  
BEAR SHOWED US  
CENTURIES AGO HOW  
THE AGE OF SIZE  
AND POWER WOULD  
COME TO AN END!

NO DOUBT  
YOU CHASED  
AFTER THE BOOK  
BECAUSE YOU  
DID NOT WANT  
THE NORTHLANDS  
TO COME TO  
RUIN.

WE INVESTIGATED  
YOUR REASONS  
FOR PROWLING  
ABOUT THE TOWN  
OF LENOS.

WE  
ARE ABLE  
TO RESOLVE  
MANY THINGS  
WITH MONEY. WE  
BELIEVE THAT  
SHOULD BE SO  
FROM NOW ON  
AS WELL.

WE MUST  
END THE AGE  
OF BARED  
BLADES AND  
BLOODSHED.



I AM NOT.

ARE YOU  
THE ONLY  
ONE CALLING  
FOR THIS?

...OUR  
COMPANY  
OWNER,  
SHARES  
THE SAME  
THOUGHTS.

HILBERT VON  
DEBAU...

...THE DEBAU  
COMPANY  
WILL DEVOLVE  
INTO A MERE  
INVADING  
FORCE.

IF WE DO NOT  
BREAK THE  
REBELS HERE  
AND NOW...

I BEG  
YOU.

THE  
DREAMS OF  
OUR OWNER  
WILL RETURN  
TO ASHES...

...AND TO  
BRING PEACE  
TO THIS  
FRACTURED,  
QUARRELsome  
LAND.

OF COURSE,  
IN THE TOWN OF  
LENOs, MERCHANTS  
SURPASSED KINGS  
AND NOBLES, WHO HAD  
ALWAYS DOMINATED  
THE WORLD, AND  
STOOD AT THE  
SUMMIT.....

AS YOU  
CAN SEE, I AM  
A HARE. YET  
I SYMPATHIZE  
WITH DEBAU'S  
DREAM...

AND FOR  
A MOMENT,  
I WITNESSED  
THIS  
FANTASTIC  
DAYDREAM.

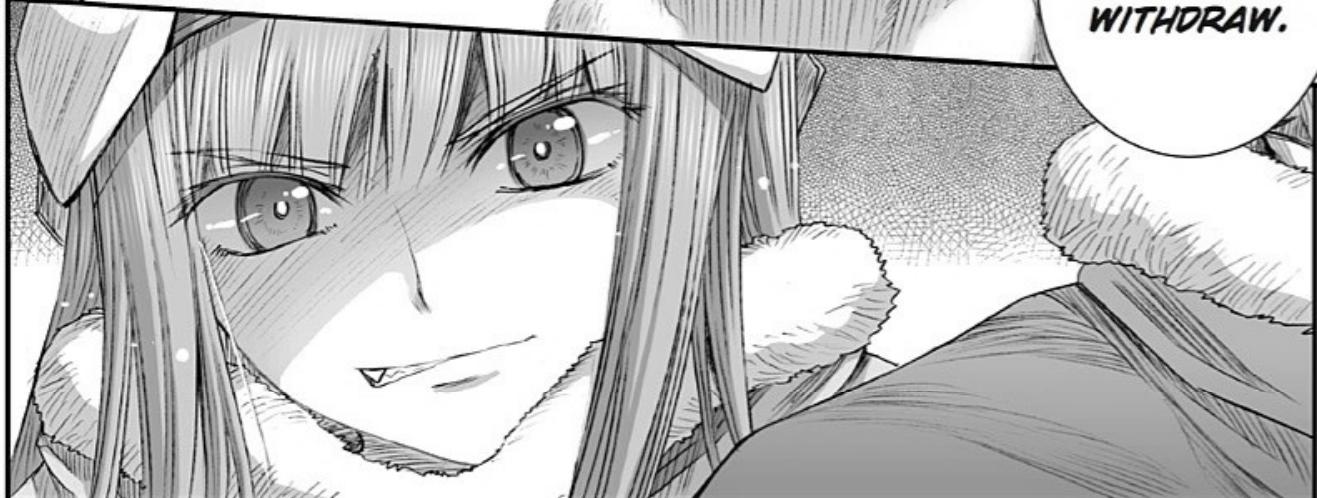
HE SAID  
HE WANTED TO  
BUILD A FREE  
COUNTRY ON THIS  
SOIL, A PLACE  
WHERE PEOPLE  
ARE BOUND BY NO  
ONE, LED ONLY BY  
THEIR INTELLECT  
AND EFFORT...

...WHICH IS  
WHY I HAVE  
REACHED OUT  
TO A PACK OF  
WOLVES.....

I BELIEVE  
IT IS A DREAM  
WORTHY OF  
MY LIFE...



I CANNOT AFFORD TO WITHDRAW.

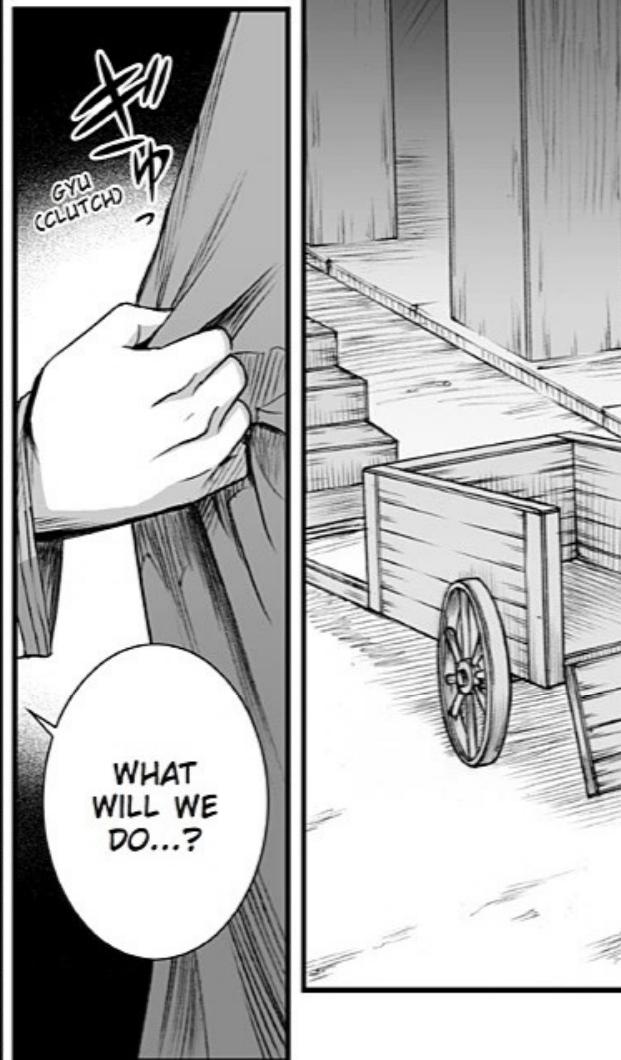


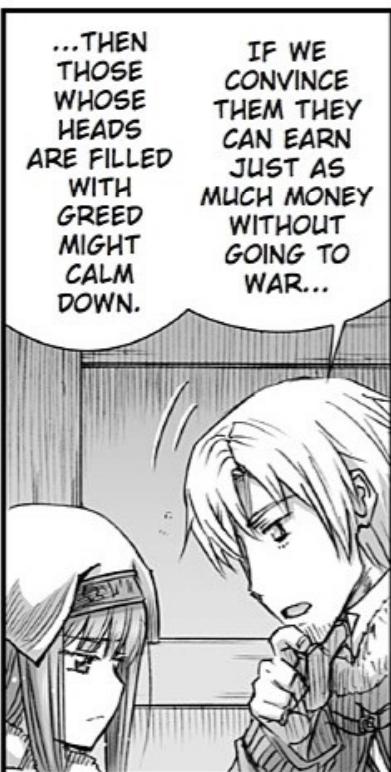


I WILL  
VISIT THE INN  
TOMORROW  
EVENING TO  
HEAR YOUR  
DECISION.

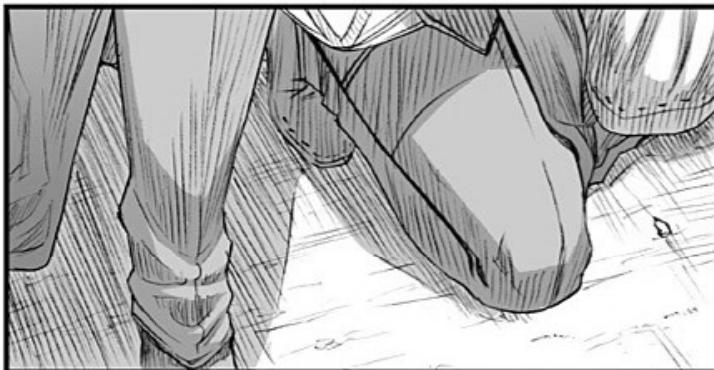
PLEASE  
THINK CAREFULLY  
ABOUT IT.  
OUR INTERESTS  
SHOULD COINCIDE  
PERFECTLY.

THIS IS  
A RACE  
AGAINST  
TIME.









IF WE  
HAND OVER  
THIS FORBIDDEN  
BOOK, EVEN  
MORE LANDS WILL  
BE SPOILED IN  
THE DISTANT  
FUTURE.



...WHATEVER  
THE DEBAU  
COMPANY WAS  
DOING IN THE  
NORTHLANDS  
WOULDN'T  
BOther YOU.

...TO SUPPORT  
ME BUYING THE  
STORE, YOU  
SAID THAT...



'TIS NOT  
LIKE THAT  
AT ALL...

WRONG.

I KNEW IT.  
THAT WAS  
HARD FOR  
YOU TO  
SAY...

CONTRACTS  
BETWEEN LARGE  
COMPANIES  
CAN LAST FOR  
A HUNDRED  
YEARS.

.....LET'S PUT  
THE DETAILS  
IN A CONTRACT  
WITH HILDE—

SU  
(SLIP)



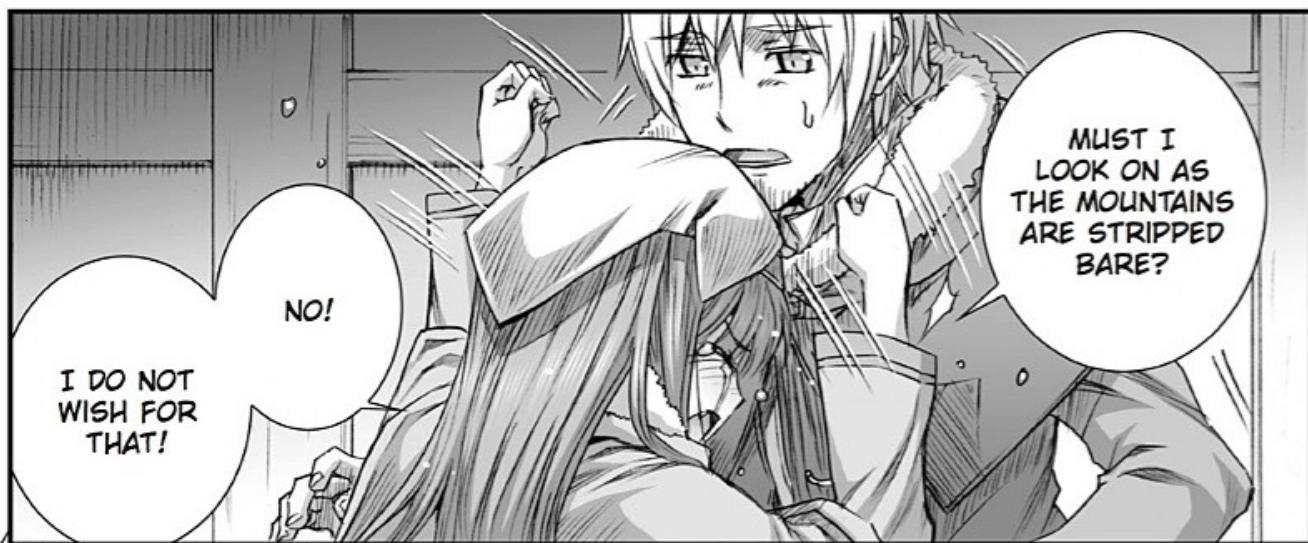
.....IT  
WILL BE...  
FINE...?

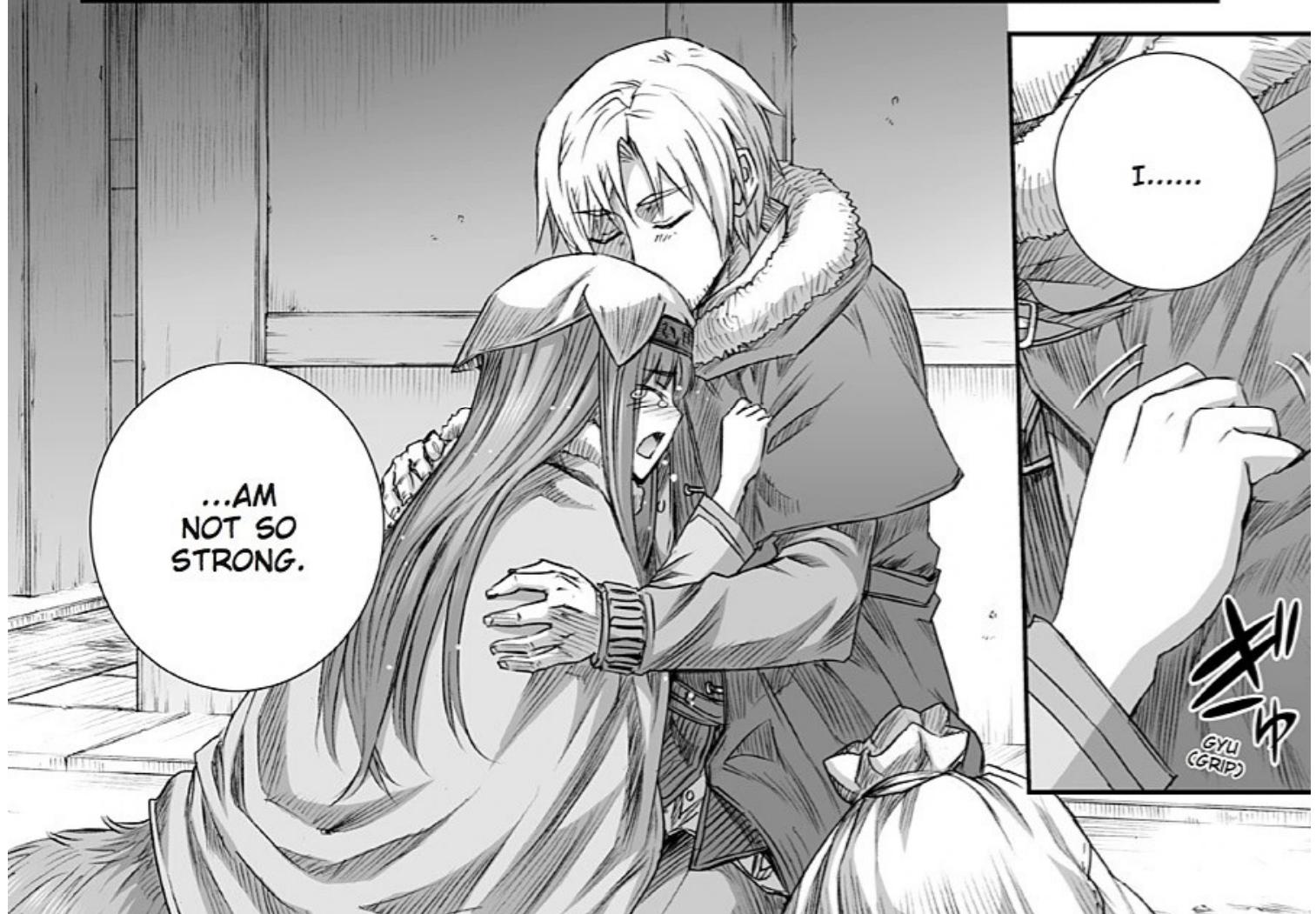
OH NO...  
I.....

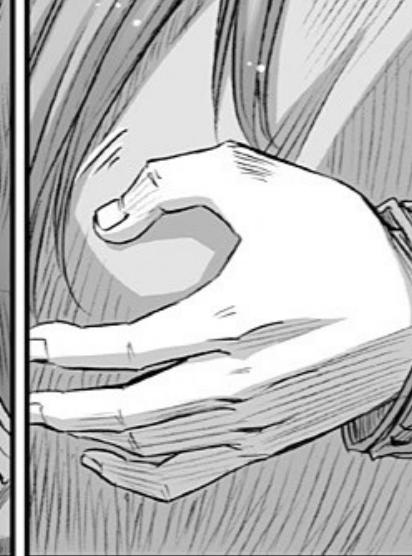
I WILL  
LIVE...  
A LONG  
TIME...

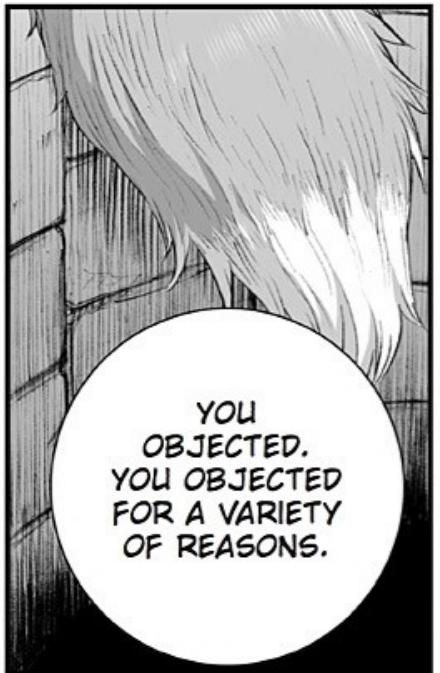
!!  
GUSH  
(CONT'D)



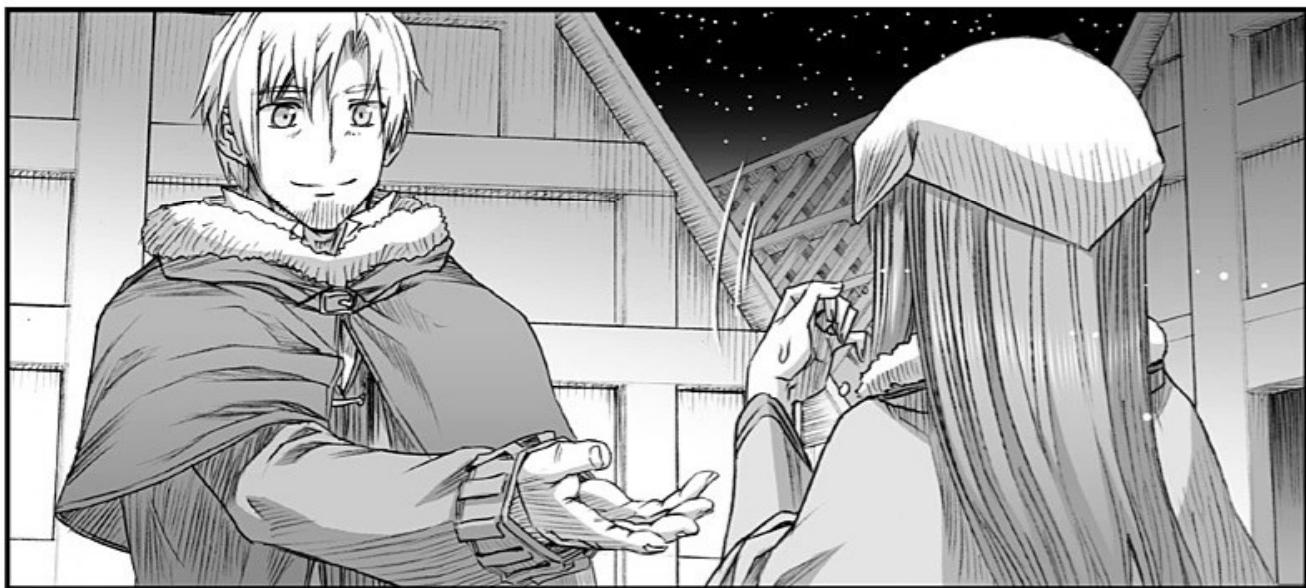
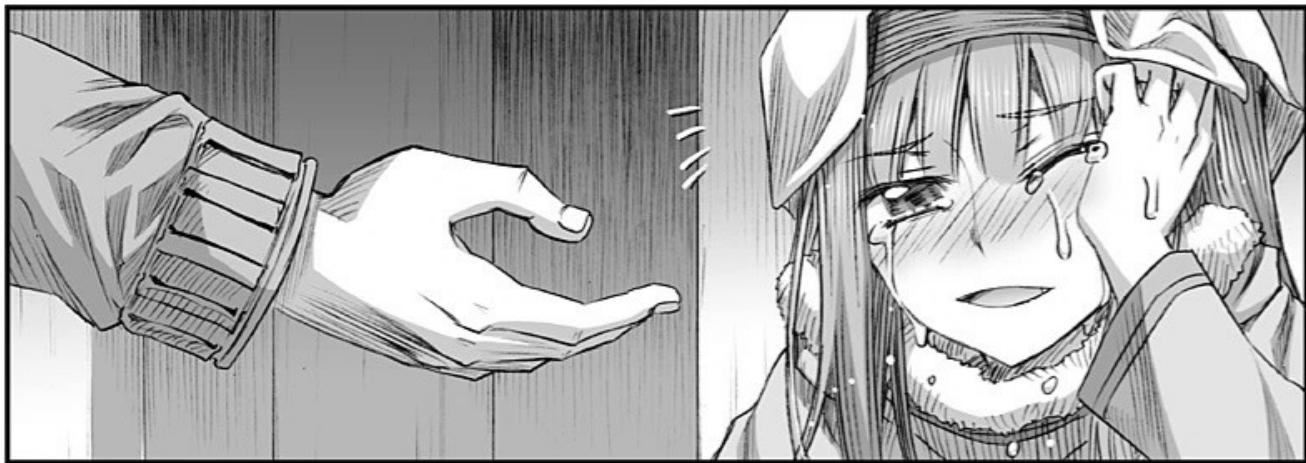
















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I WAITED UNTIL THE MORNING, WHEN THE CAPTAIN OF THE MYURI MERCENARY COMPANY, LUWARD, AND THE STRATEGIST, MOIZI, HAD SOBERED UP, AND TOLD THEM EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED THE NIGHT BEFORE.

WHAT A FOOL.  
HE UNDER-  
ESTIMATED  
HOW GREEDY  
HUMANS  
ARE.

LUWARD  
SEEMED TO BE  
RATHER AMUSED  
BY HOW THE DEBAU  
COMPANY HAD BEEN  
CAUGHT UP IN THE  
NOBLES' SCHEMES  
AND WERE NOW  
STUMBLING.

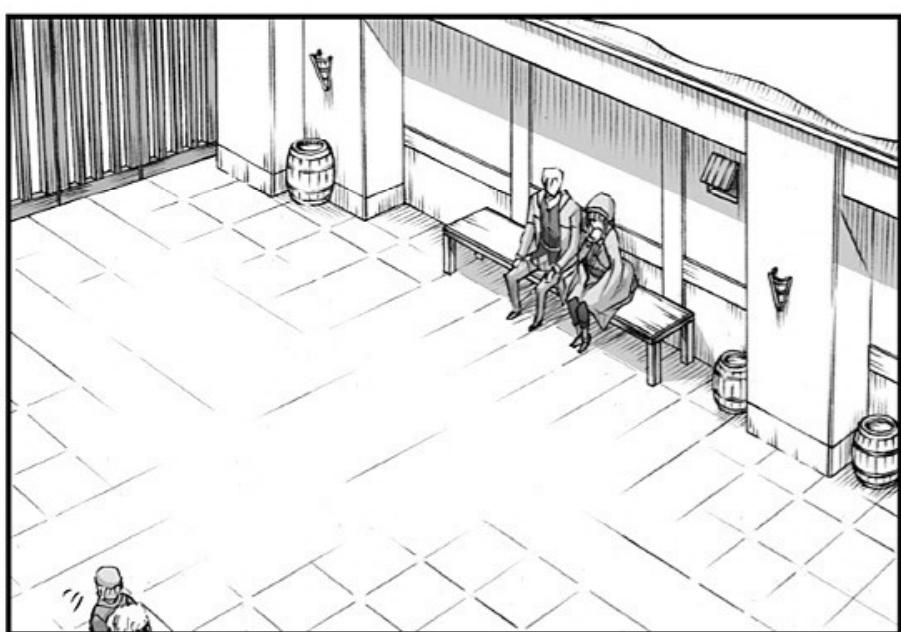
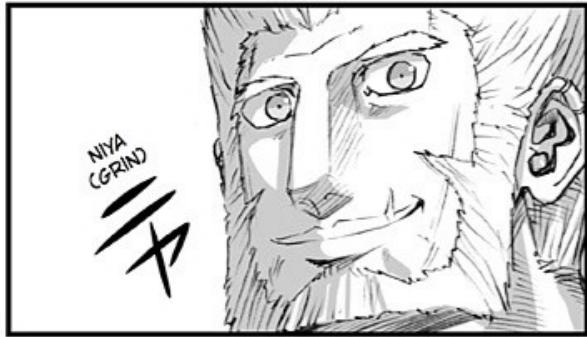
THEN  
THIS  
HILDE  
IS...

RIGHT.  
NOT  
HUMAN.

THAT  
BOOK IS  
IN KIESCHEN...  
THAT'S NEARLY  
A WEEK AWAY  
ON A FAST  
HORSE.

BUT HE ALSO  
UNDERSTOOD THAT  
IF HILDE FAILED  
TO PERSUADE THE  
RADICAL FACTION, THE  
BLOOD OF THE MYURI  
MERCENARY COMPANY  
WOULD BE SPILT FIRST  
AS A WARNING, DUE  
TO THEIR TIES TO  
HOLO AND MYSELF.



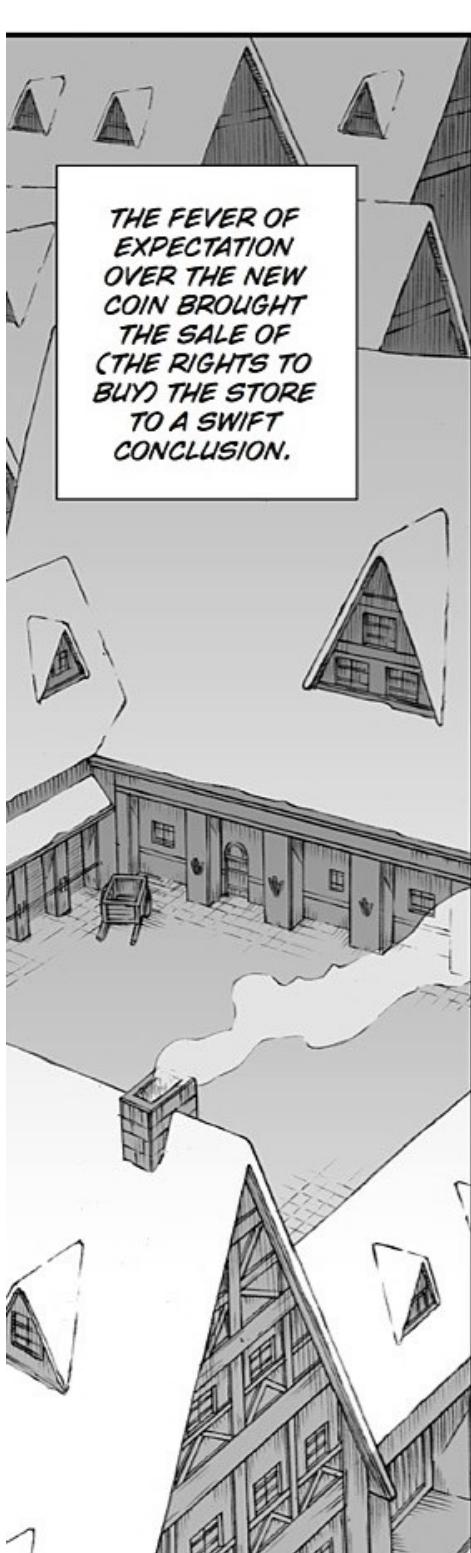


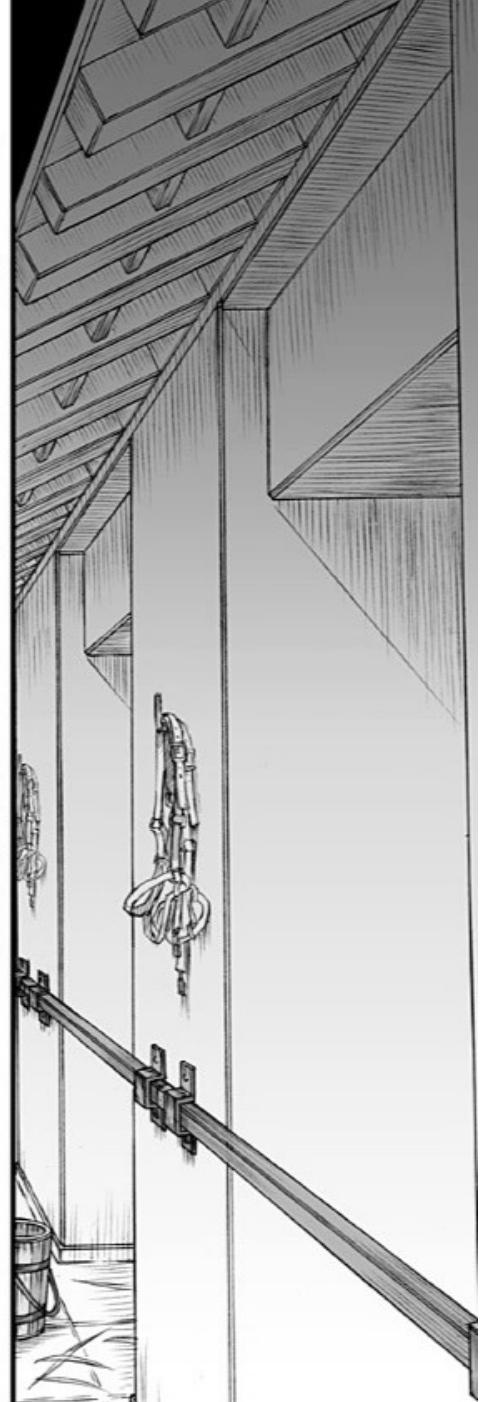
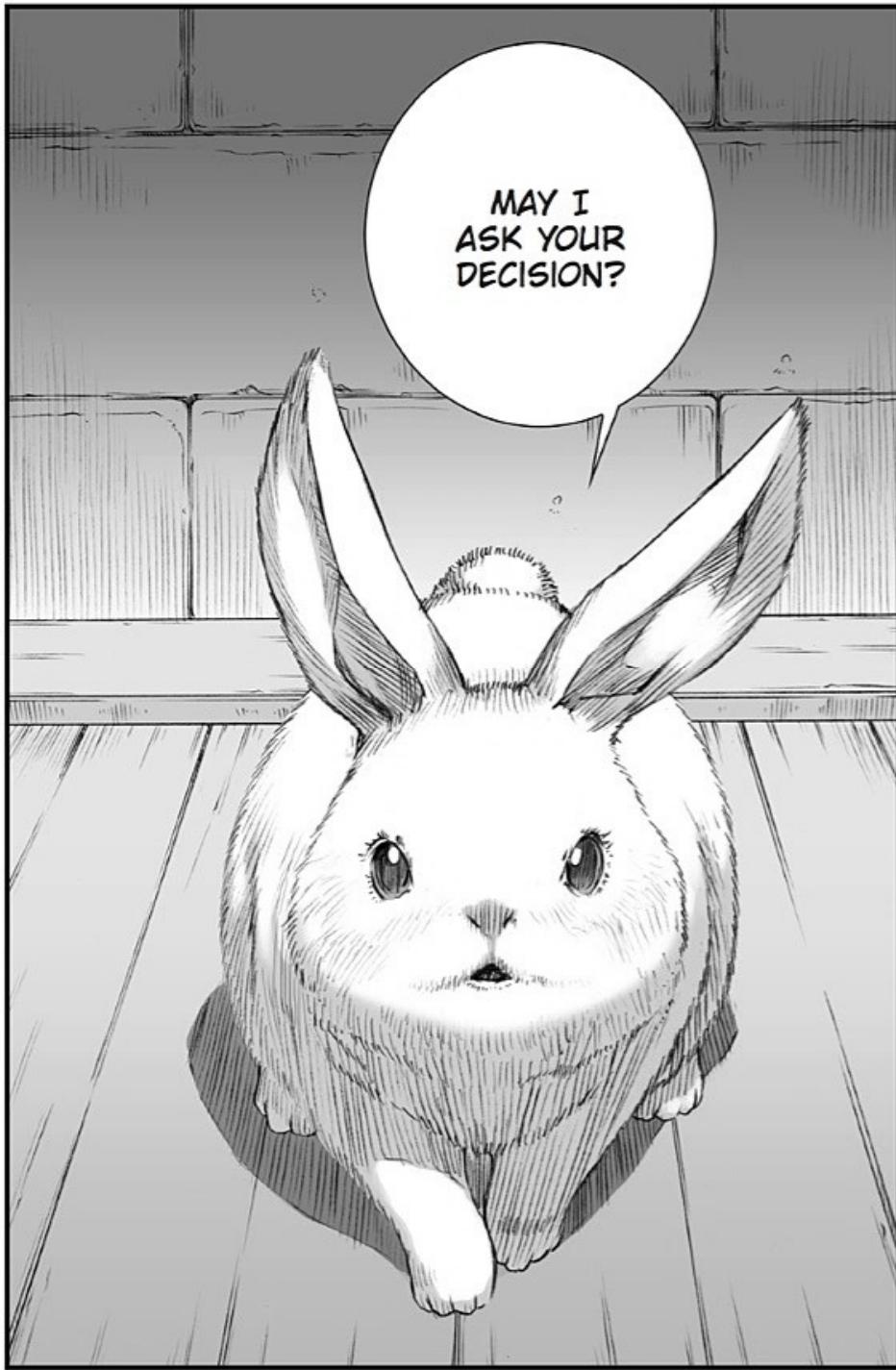






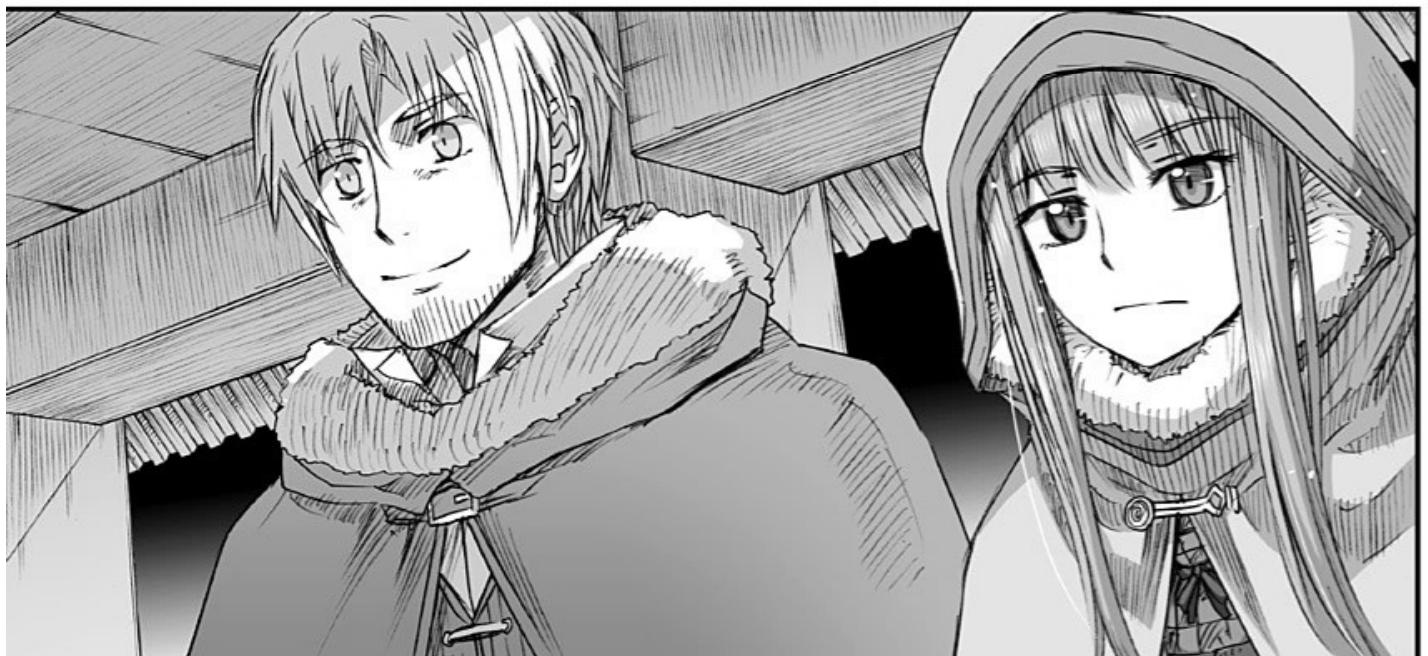








WE  
WILL HAND  
OVER THE  
FORBIDDEN  
BOOK.



I CAN PAY  
THREE HUNDRED  
GOLD LUMIONE.  
I LEFT THEM  
IN A HIDEAWAY  
OF MINE IN  
TOWN.

IN ORDER  
TO RETRIEVE THE  
FORBIDDEN BOOK,  
WE FIRST HAVE TO  
CONVINCE LE ROI,  
BUT WITH HILDE'S  
IDEA OF HANDING  
OVER THREE HUNDRED  
GOLD LUMIONE,  
THERE SHOULDN'T  
BE ANY PROBLEM.

THANK  
YOU...VERY  
MUCH.

I WILL ASK  
MISS HOLO  
TO DO THE  
BARGAINING.

IT WOULD  
TAKE A WEEK ON  
A FAST HORSE  
TO GET FROM  
LESKO TO  
KIESCHEN AND  
THE BOOK.

TAKING INTO  
CONSIDERATION  
THE URGENCY OF  
THE SITUATION AND  
NEGOTIATING WITH  
LE ROI, THERE WAS  
LITTLE CHOICE BUT  
FOR HOLO TO GO IN  
HER OTHER FORM.



'TIS  
GOOD TO  
RUN IN MY  
TRUE BODY  
ONCE IN A  
WHILE.



THREE TO  
FOUR DAYS  
THERE AND  
BACK.

IF IT'S  
A WEEK ON A  
FAST HORSE,  
THEN WERE I TO  
RUN WITHOUT  
SLEEP—A DAY  
AND A HALF  
ONE WAY.



HOW LONG  
WOULD IT  
TAKE YOU?



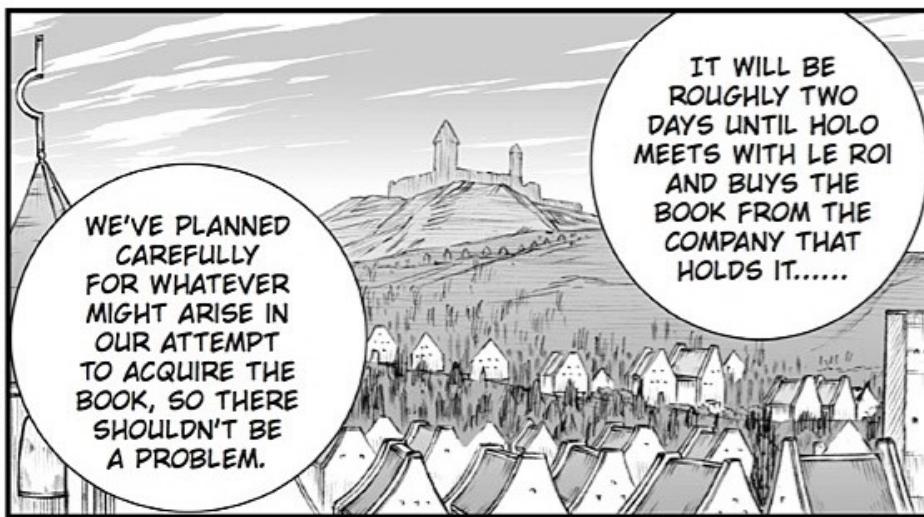
IT MUST  
NOT BE A  
NORMAL  
BIRD, OF  
COURSE.

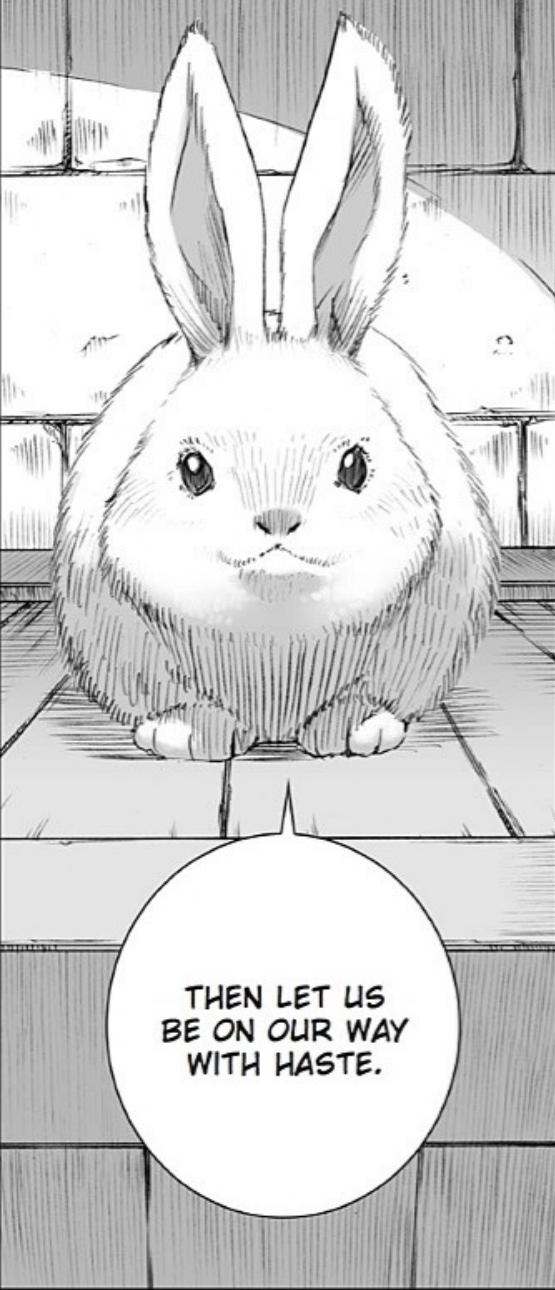
THAT  
"BIRD"  
MUST HAVE  
CARRIED  
COL'S  
BAG...



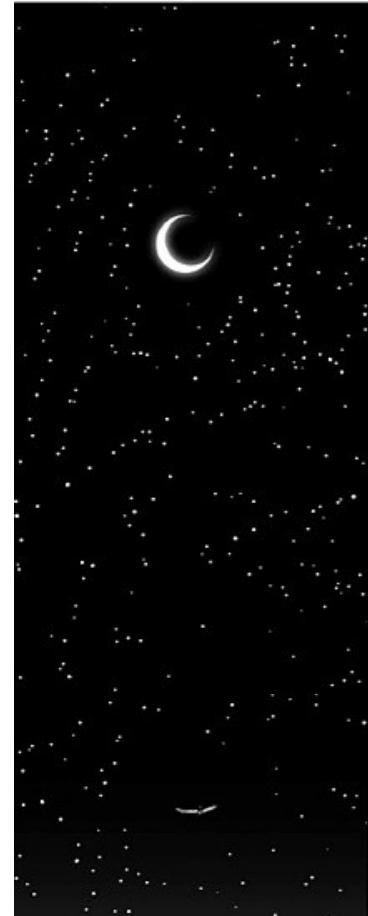
...AND THAT  
MIGHT MAKE  
EVEN HIS  
WINGS WEEP.

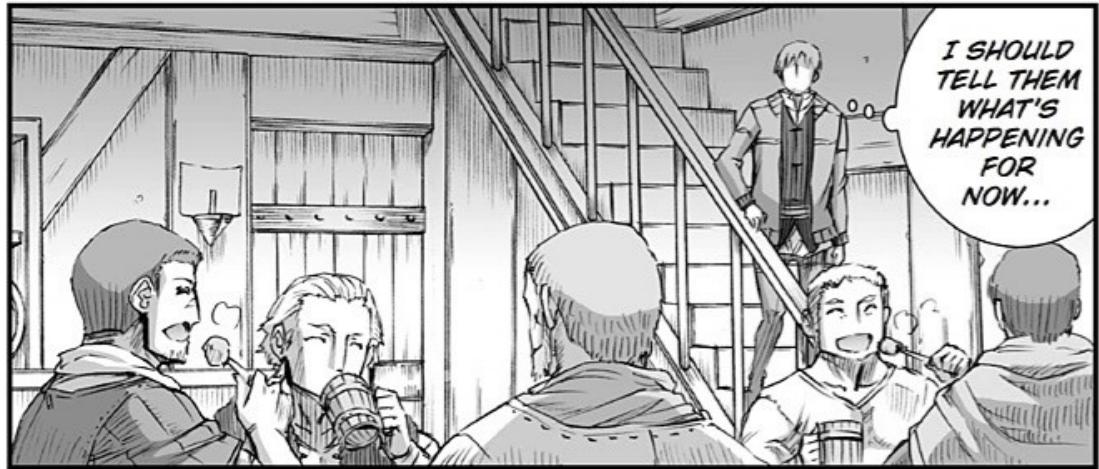
I HAVE  
A BIRD  
COMPANION  
...















I WAS ABLE TO BUY EVEN GOLD LUMIONE AT AN UNBELIEVABLY LOW PRICE.

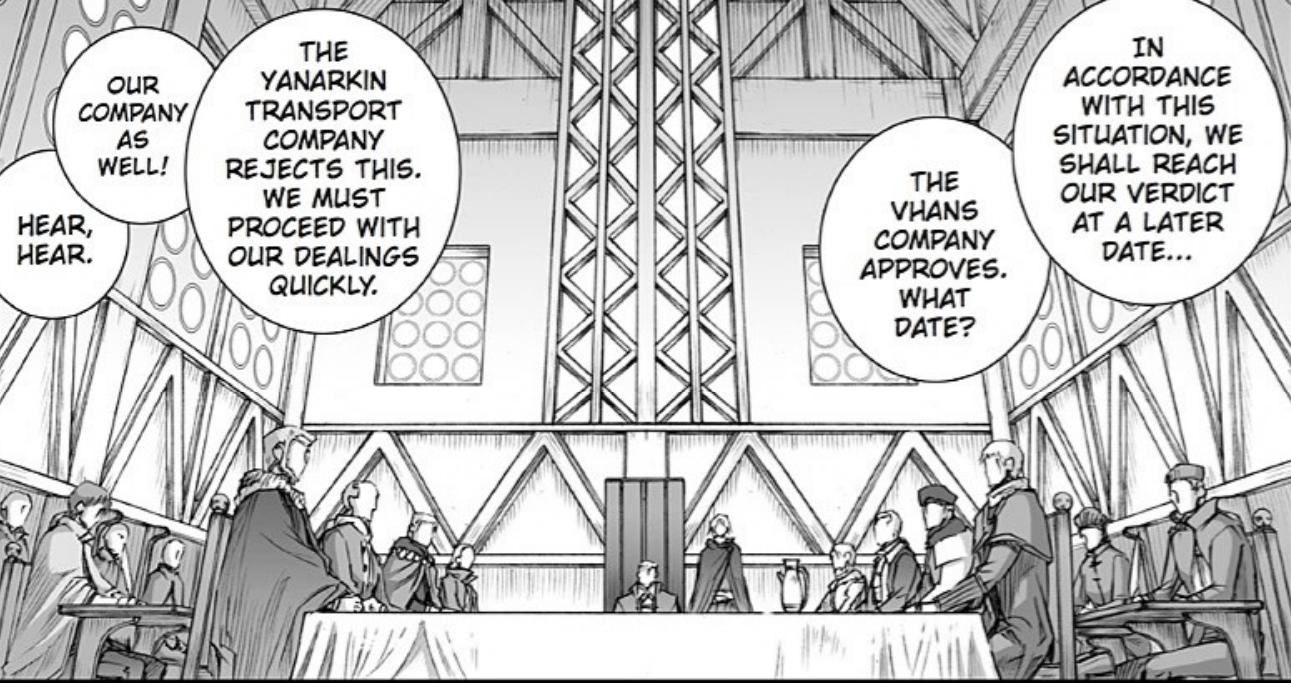






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DEBAU  
COMPANY,  
LESKO HEAD-  
QUARTERS,  
THE SILVER  
HALL





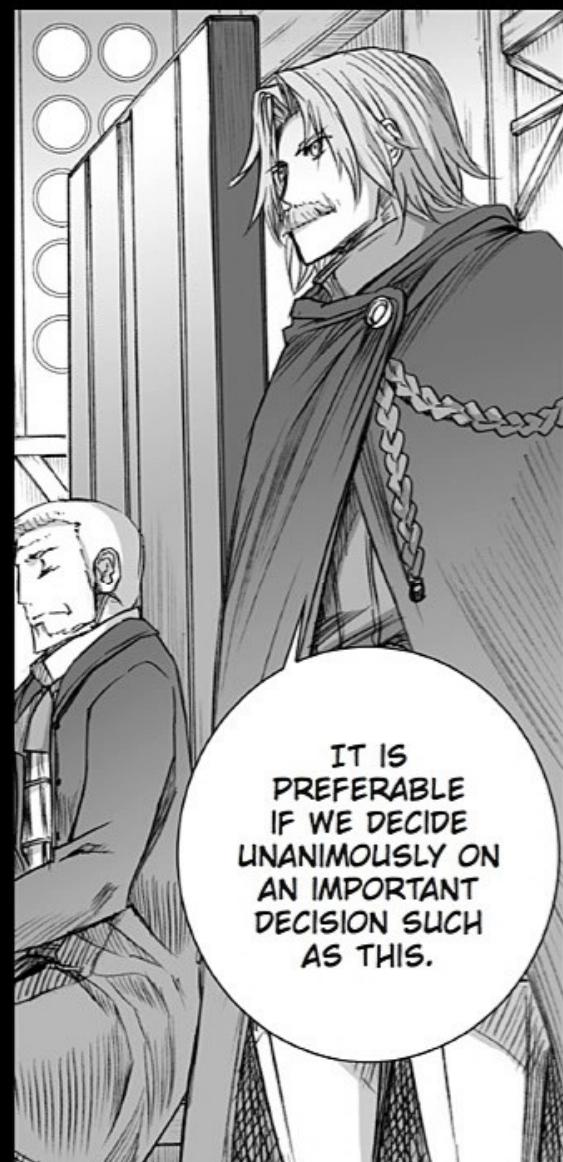
...HILBERT  
VON DEBAU.



THEN WHAT  
MEANING IS  
THERE TO A  
MEETING!?



WE WILL  
RECONVENE  
IN SEVEN  
DAYS.



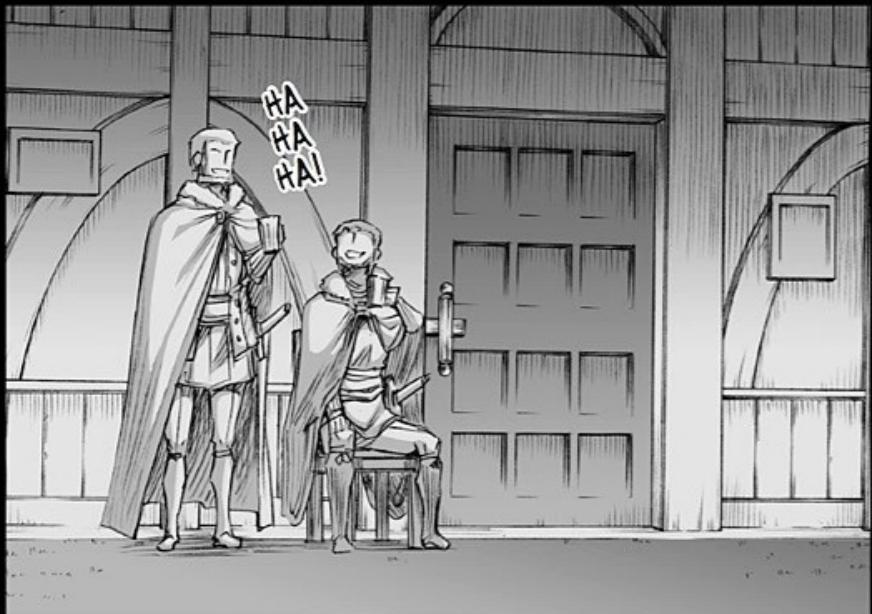
IT IS  
PREFERABLE  
IF WE DECIDE  
UNANIMOUSLY ON  
AN IMPORTANT  
DECISION SUCH  
AS THIS.



...LET US  
CALL IT A  
DAY FOR  
NOW.







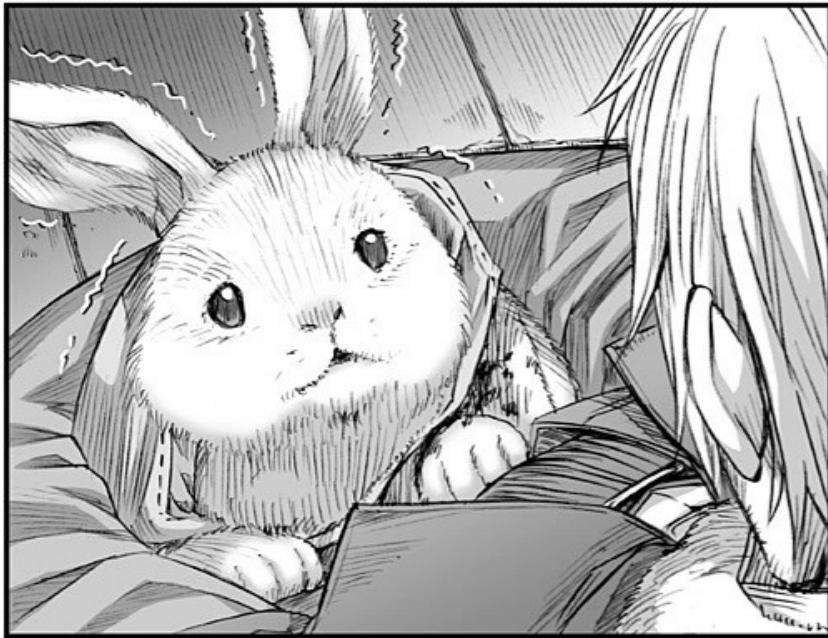


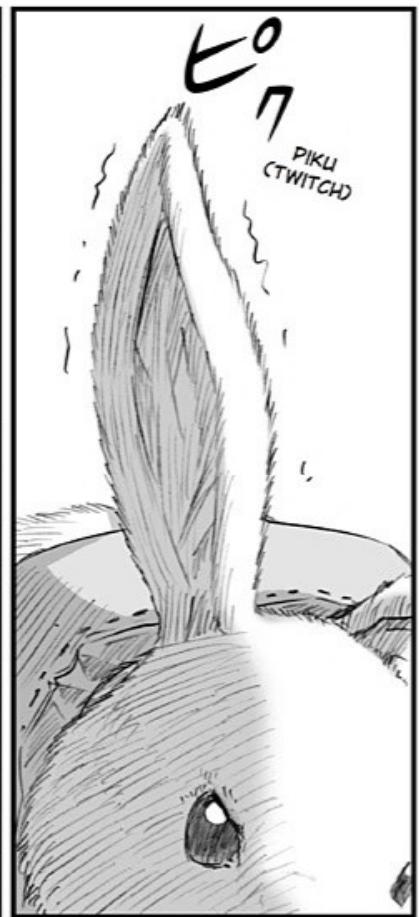
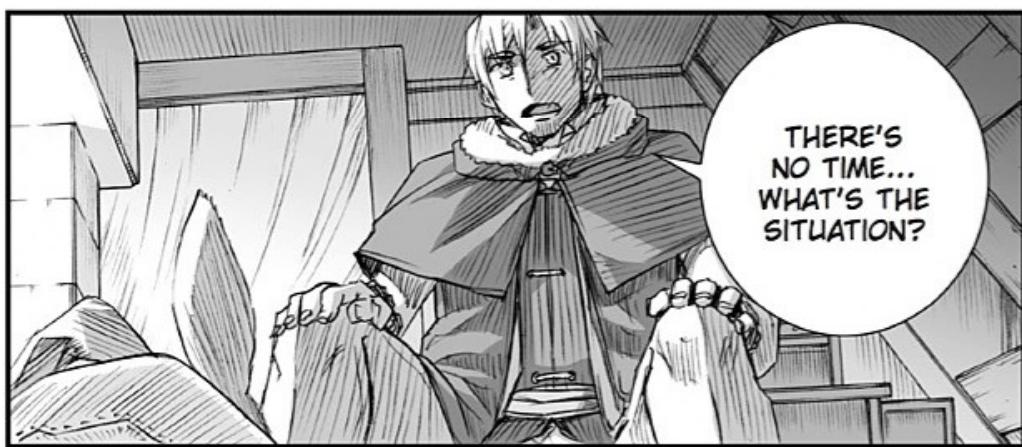


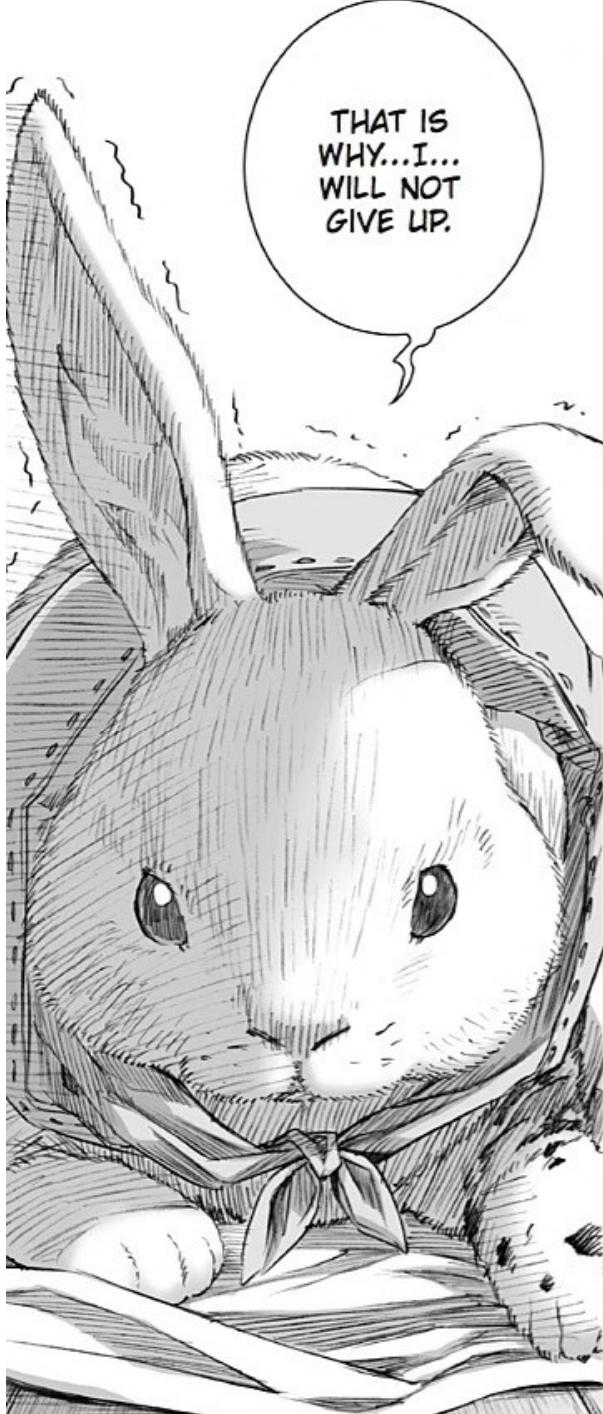












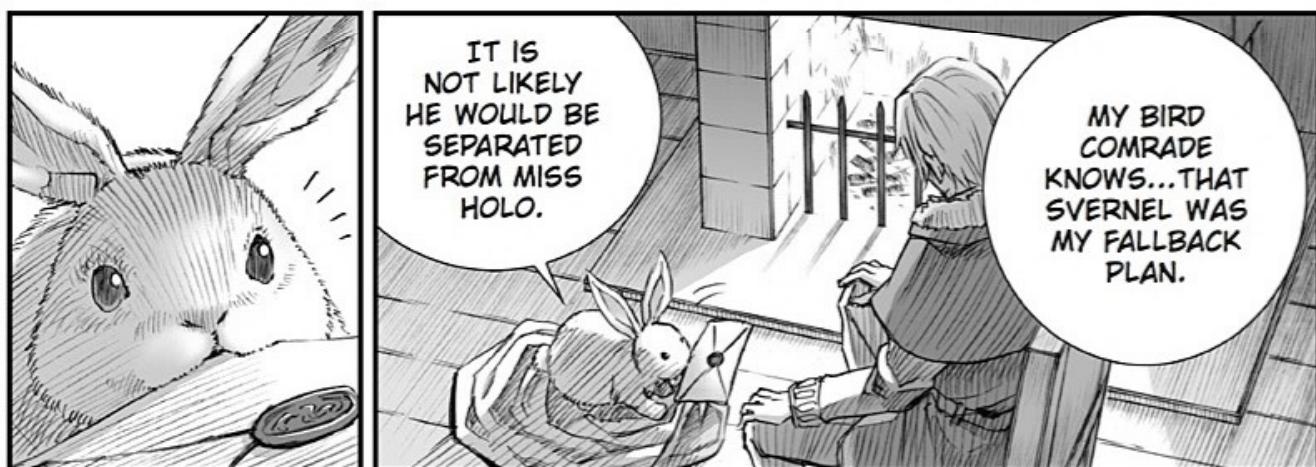
THAT IS  
WHY...I...  
WILL NOT  
GIVE UP.

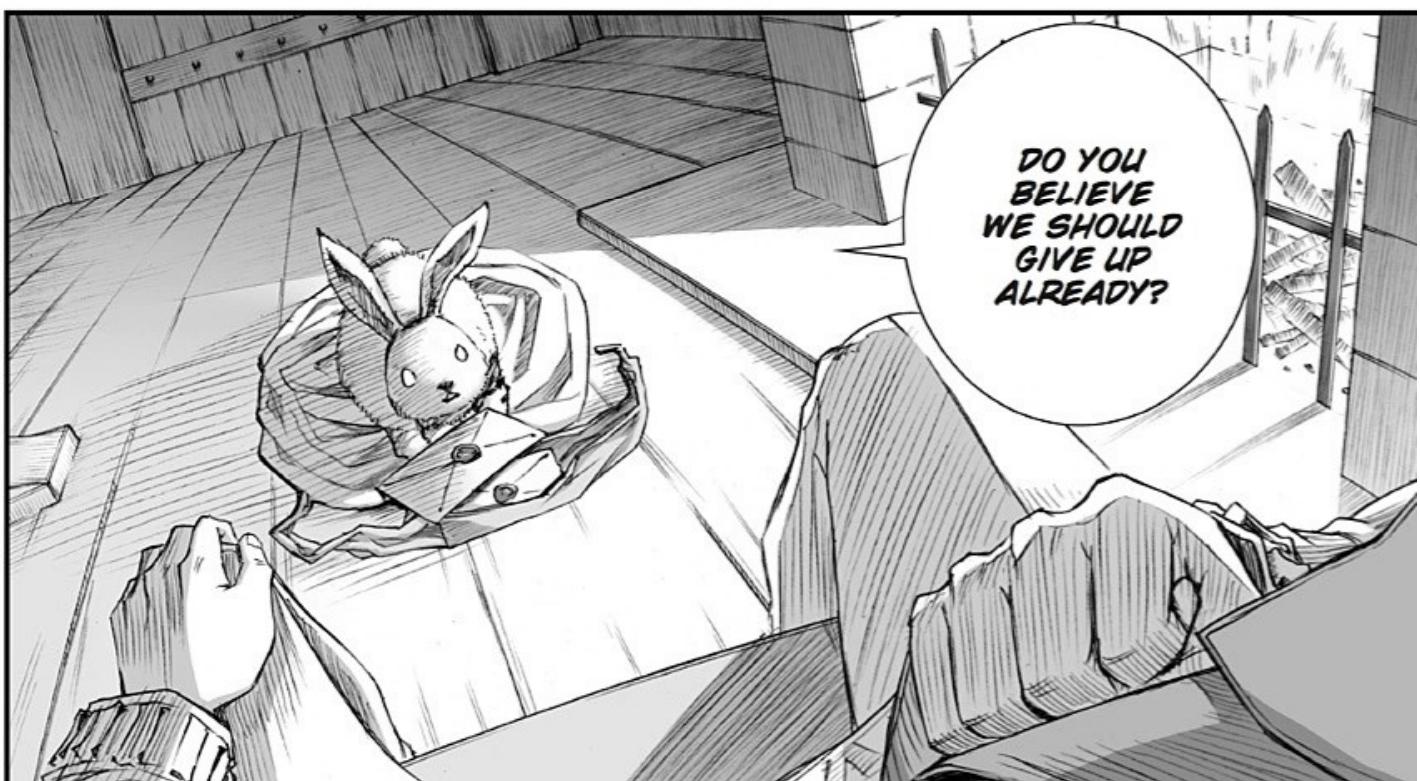


AND WHEN  
I THINK OF  
MISS HOLO  
OBTAINING  
THE BOOK,  
AS WELL...  
I MUST NOT  
GIVE UP.

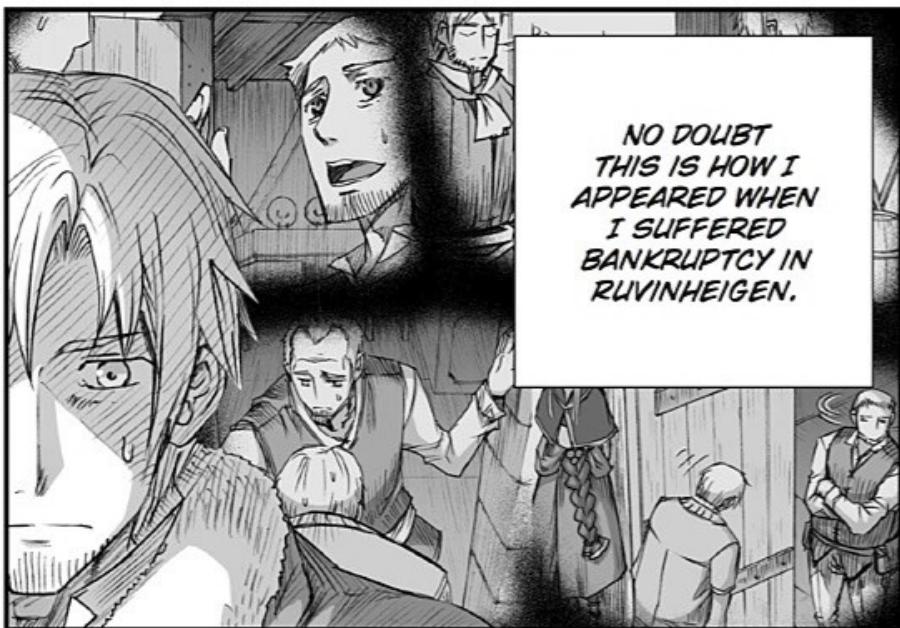
I BELIEVE  
IT IS UNLIKELY  
THAT THEY'LL  
KILL US.

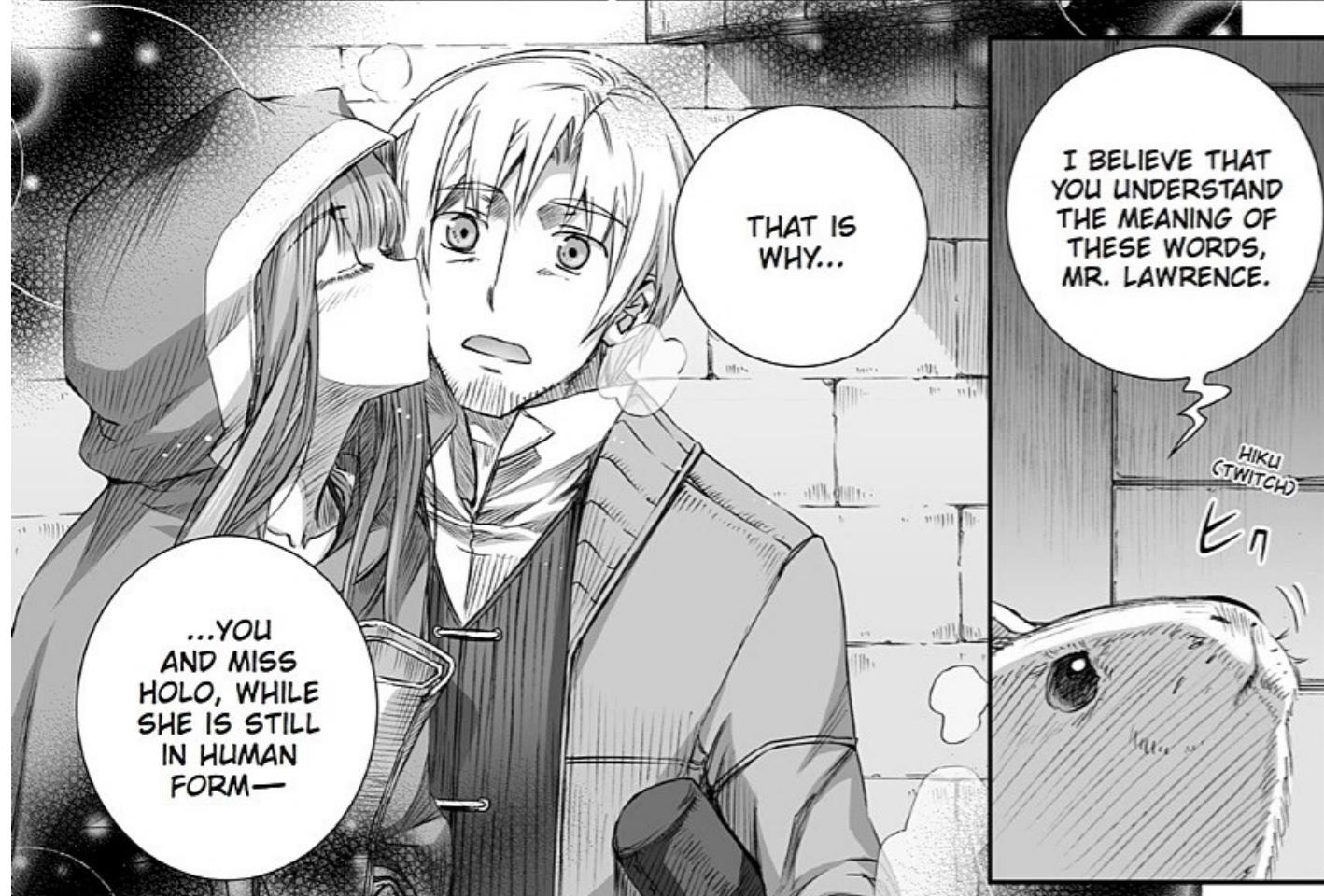














PLEASE  
STOP!



PLEASE  
STOP.....



THIS  
IS TRUE  
EVEN  
BETWEEN  
ME AND  
HOLO.

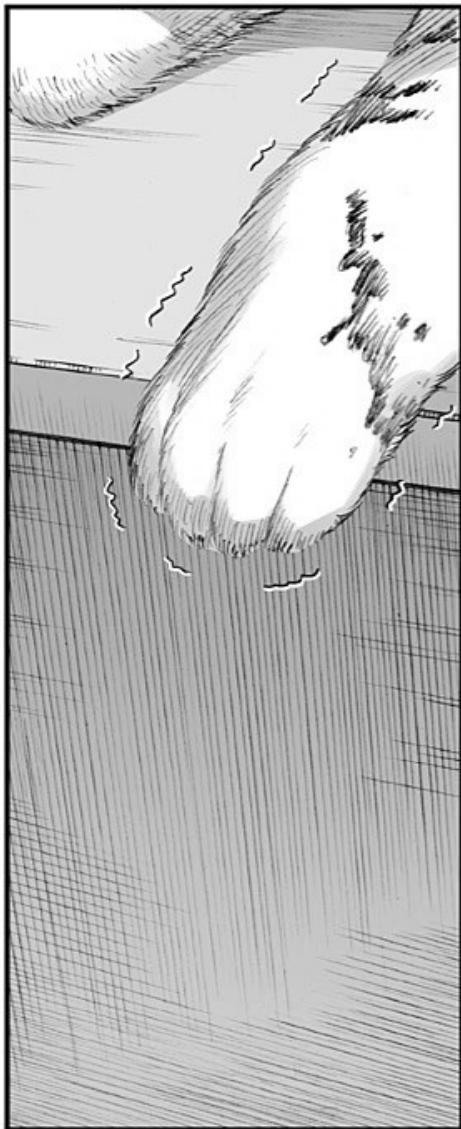


THERE ARE  
THINGS I CAN  
COOPERATE  
WITH AND  
THINGS I  
CANNOT...



...DELIVER  
THE  
LETTERS...

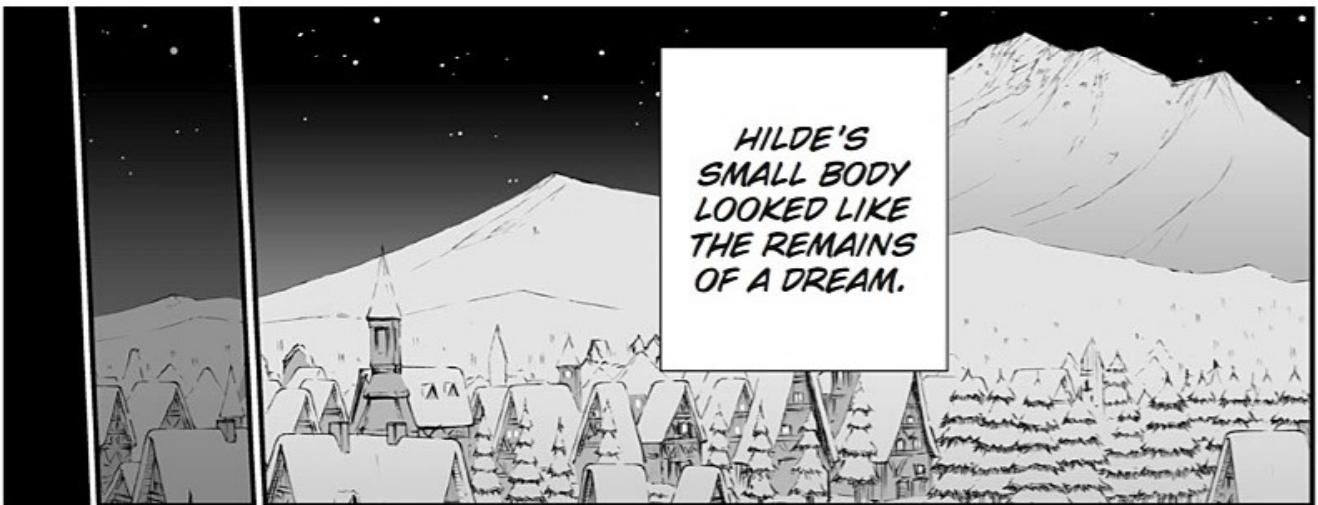
PLEASE...

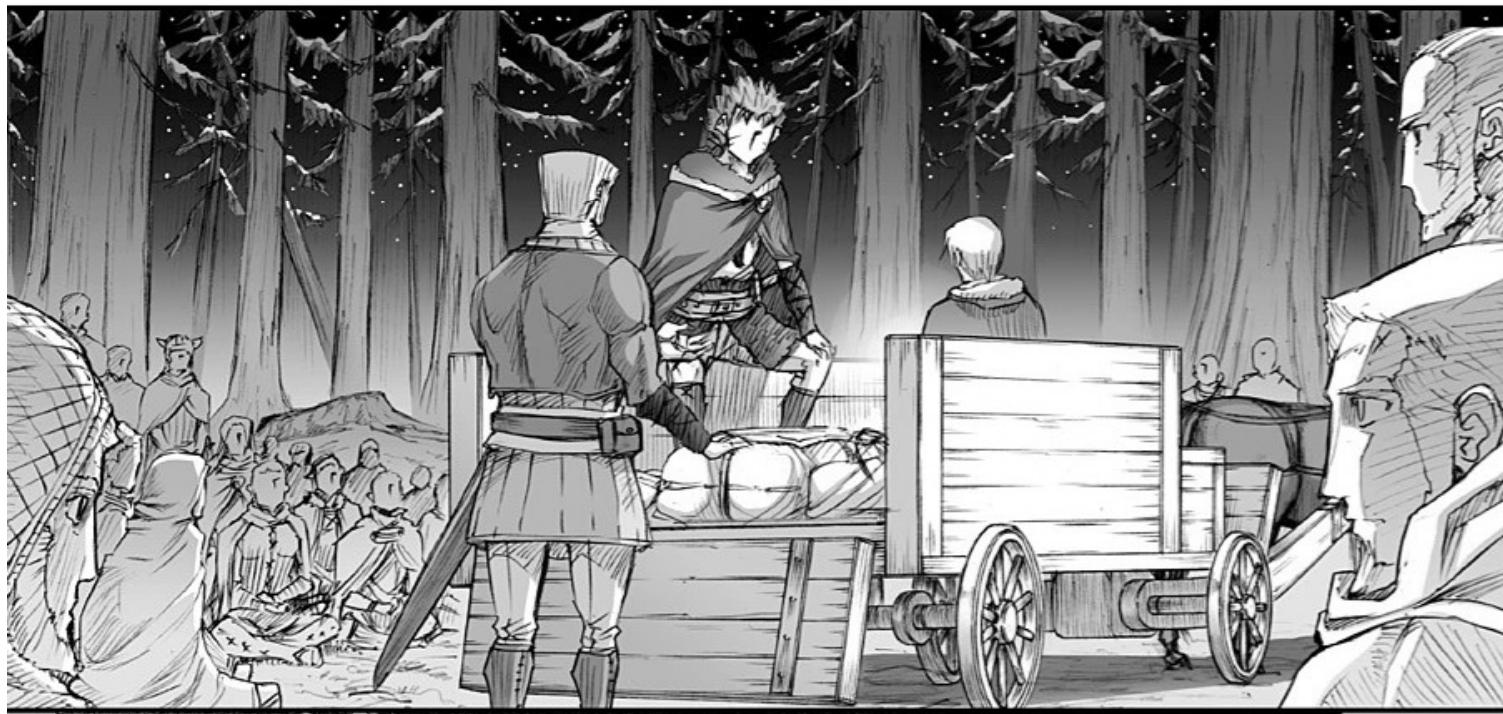
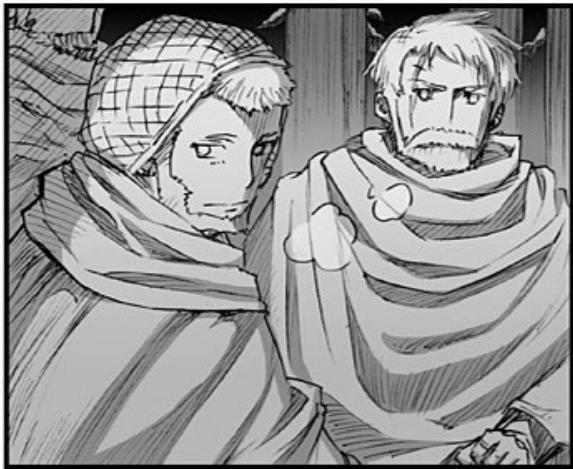


IT WAS ALSO TRUE THAT A LIFE DEDICATED TO OVERCOMING HARDSHIPS WAS NOT MEANINGFUL.



I WON'T TAKE THEM .....





YES.  
HOWEVER,  
IF WE HEAD  
NORTH, WE  
SHALL BE  
PURSUED AS  
REBELS.

WELL, I  
SUPPOSE IT  
WOULD BE  
EASIER TO  
RENDEZVOUS  
WITH MISS  
HOLO IN  
LENOS.

HEH.

BUT IF WE  
GO SOUTH,  
THEY HAVE NO  
JUST CAUSE  
TO ATTACK  
US.

WE SHOULD  
QUIETLY HEAD  
DOWNRIVER,  
WAIT FOR THINGS  
TO COOL DOWN,  
THEN AIM FOR  
YOITSU AGAIN.

THERE  
ARE NO  
PROPER  
TOWNS TO  
THE EAST  
OR WEST.

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK,  
MR. LAWRENCE?  
IS THAT  
ACCEPTABLE?

THAT WOULD  
PROVOKE THE  
KINGS AND  
NOBLES OF  
PLOANIA.

EVEN  
THE DEBALU  
COMPANY  
WON'T  
SEND AN  
ARMY TO  
LENOS.

SUKKU  
(STAND)

ALL RIGHT.  
IT'S SETTLED,  
THEN.

AH!

I THINK  
IT'S A GOOD  
PLAN.





AS OUR  
GUARDIANS,  
THE WOLVES,  
HAVE TAUGHT  
US, WE  
WILL MARCH  
UNDER THE  
PROTECTION  
OF THE  
MOON!

LIKE  
THE CLEAR  
WATERS FROM  
A GLACIER IN  
SUMMER, WE  
WILL RUSH  
SOUTH TO  
LENOS!



LISTEN,  
CLAN OF  
WOLVES!



THIS IS  
THE WAY  
WE WILL  
MARCH!



BUT  
FIRST,  
WE  
EAT!

WAAAAA  
(CHEER)

UOO  
(CROAAR)



HA  
HA  
HA!

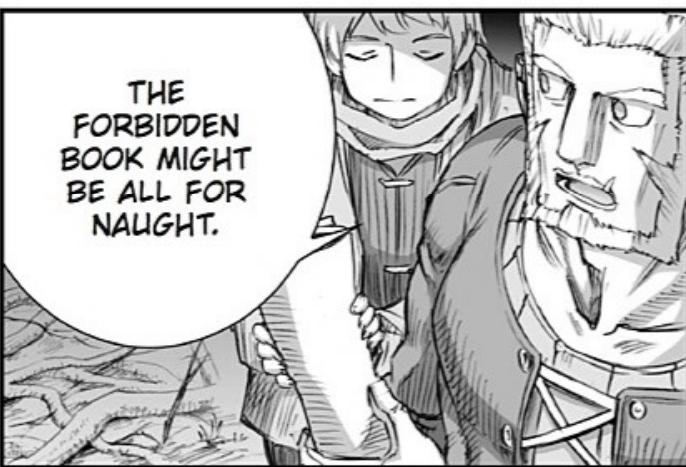
DON'T EAT  
TOO MUCH! IF YA  
CAN'T WALK, WE'LL  
LEAVE YOU BEHIND IN  
THE WOODS AS AN  
OFFERING TO OUR  
PROTECTORS!

DOKU  
(GLUB)

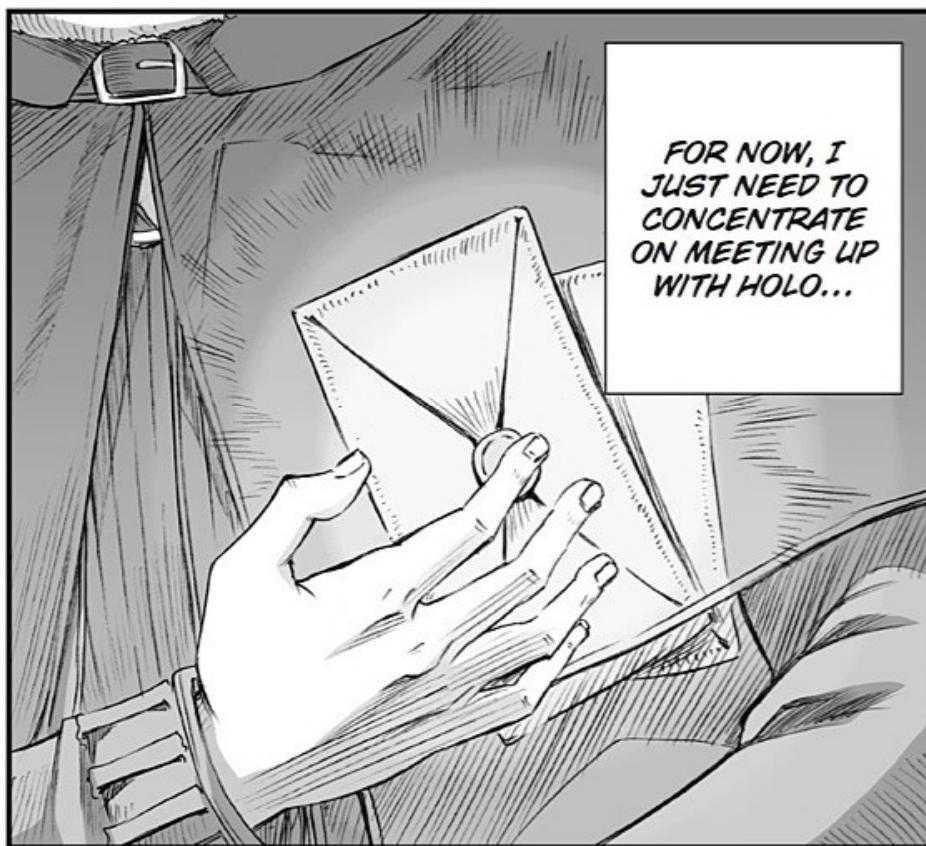
||

DOKU  
||





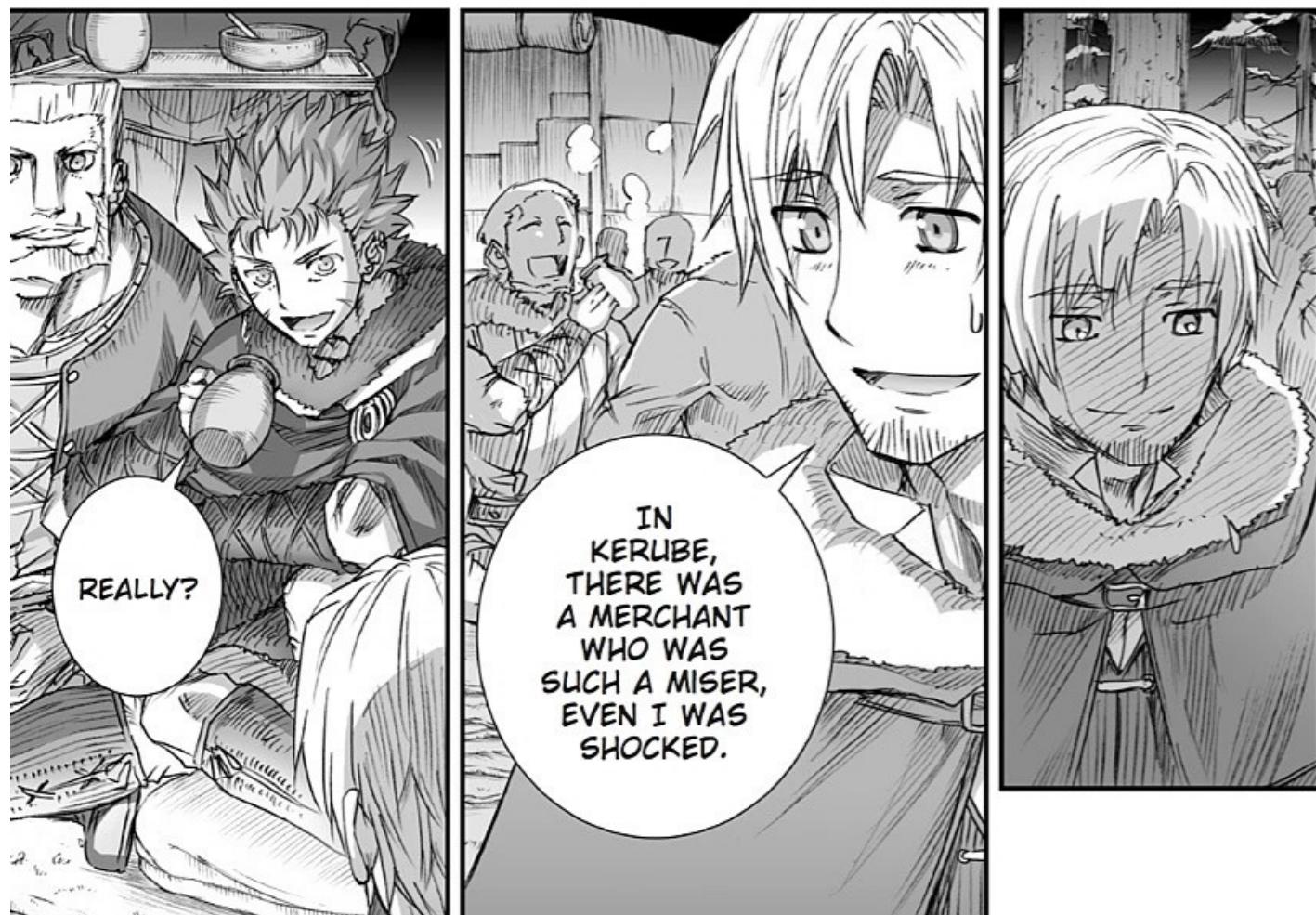
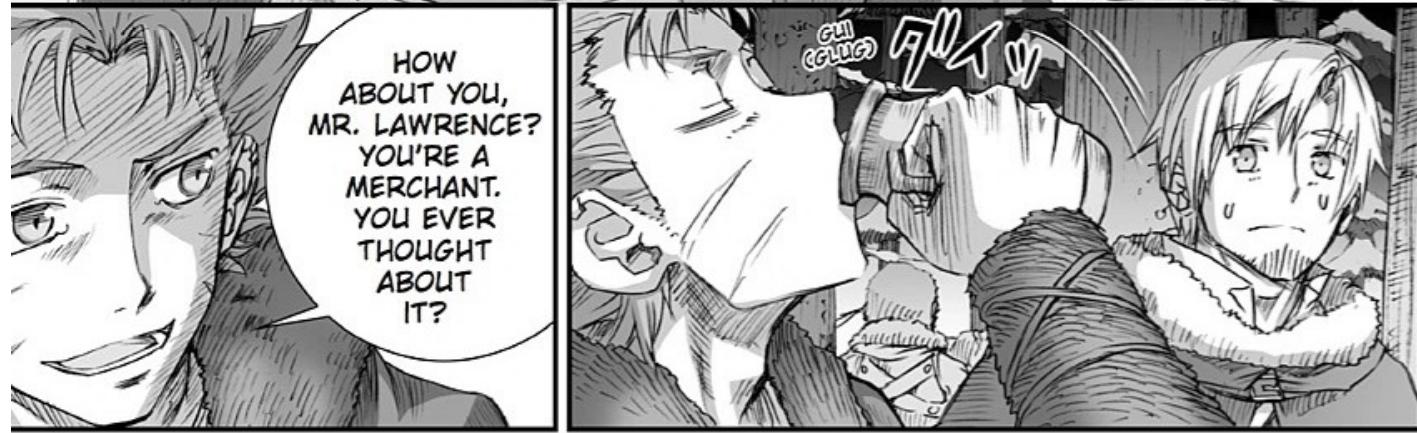








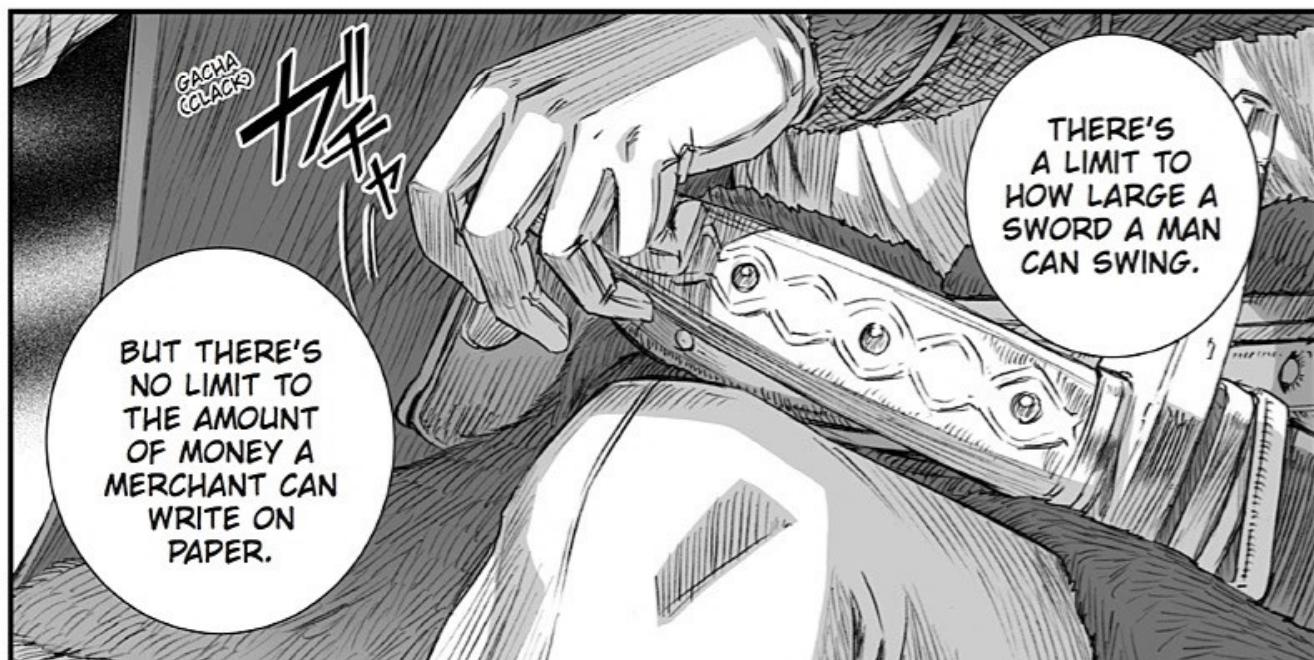
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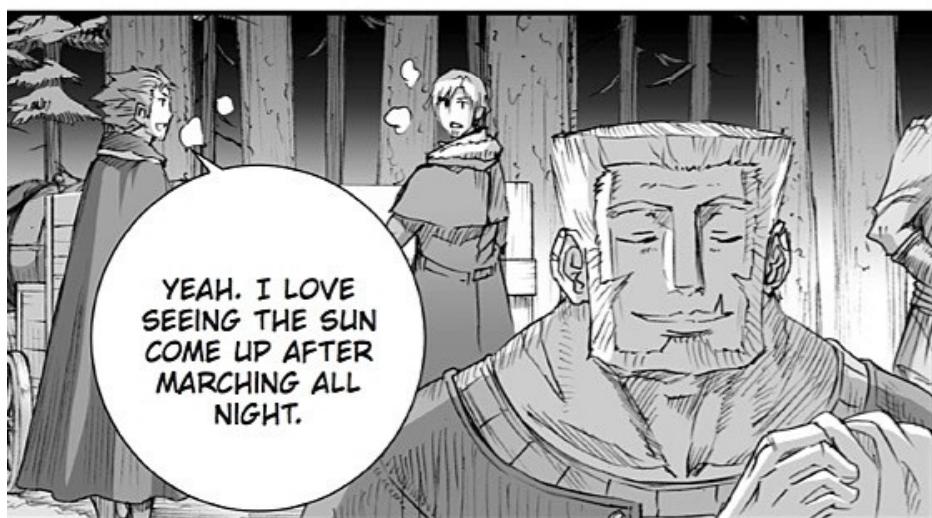


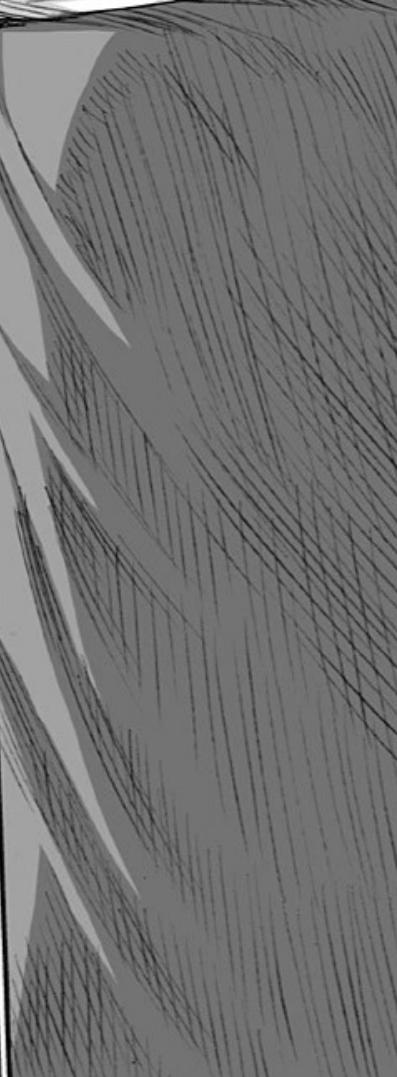












THE DARKNESS STICKS TO YOUR HANDS LIKE BLOOD THAT YOU CAN'T WIPE OFF, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU SCRUB.

THE STENCH OF BLOOD, SWEAT, AND DEATH BUZZ AROUND YOU LIKE FLIES THAT YOU CAN'T BRUSH AWAY.

IN THE DARKNESS, YOU WORRY—WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US? IS THERE RELIEF AHEAD?

IT'S EVEN BETTER AFTER YOU'RE ALL CHEWED UP FROM BATTLE AND NO ONE CAN SAY A WORD.

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN TO US?—AFTER ALL THAT, IT'S THE BEST.

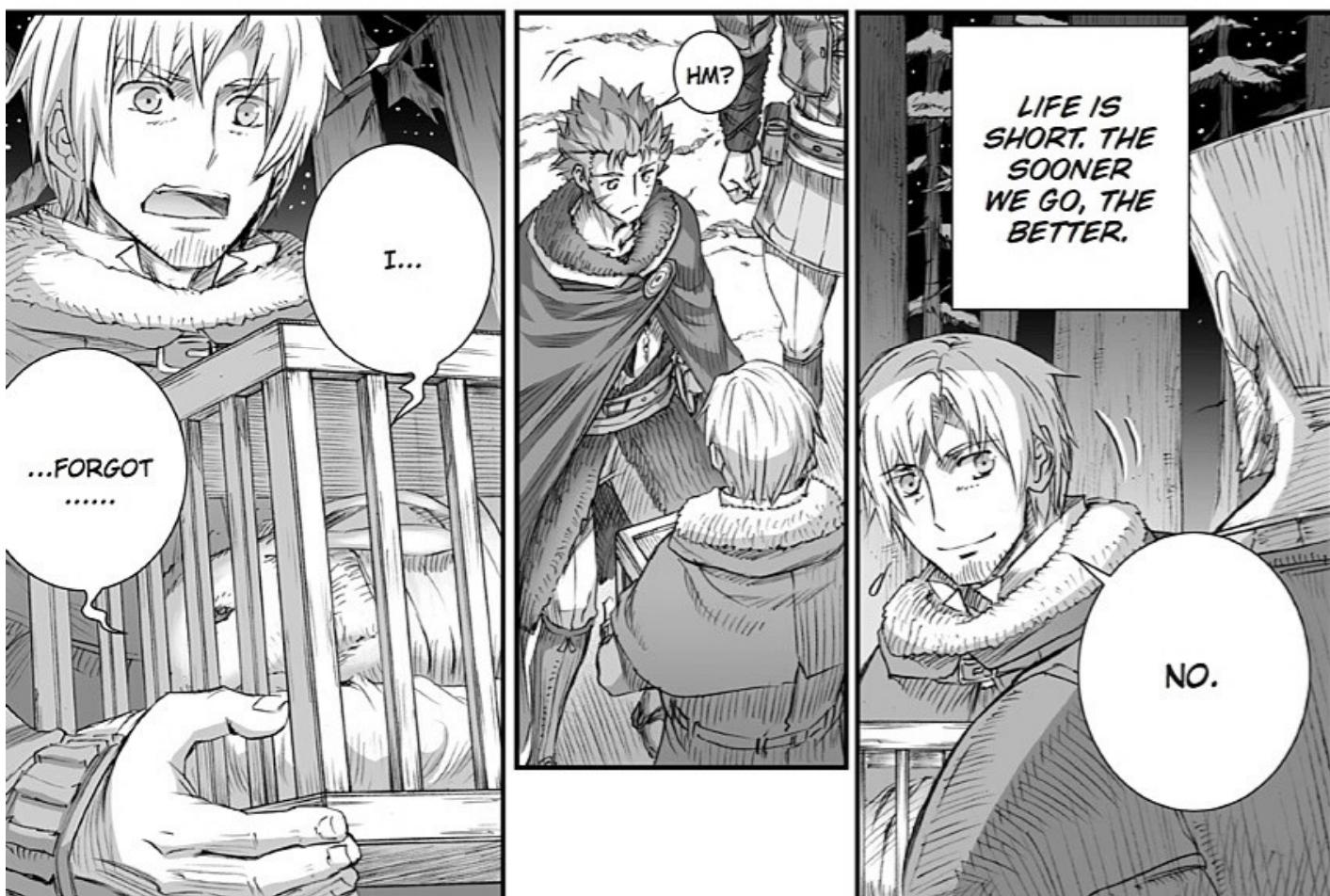






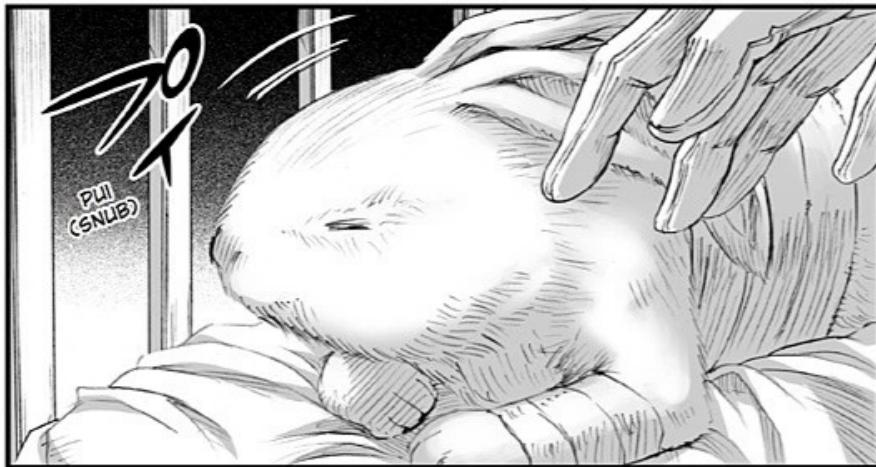
YOU HAVE TO GIVE THINGS UP TO CHANGE YOUR COURSE. THAT'S WHY TRAVELERS NEVER STAY LONG IN VILLAGES WITH GENTLE SOULS.

LESKO, HUH.....?



YOU'VE  
LOST THIS  
FIGHT.

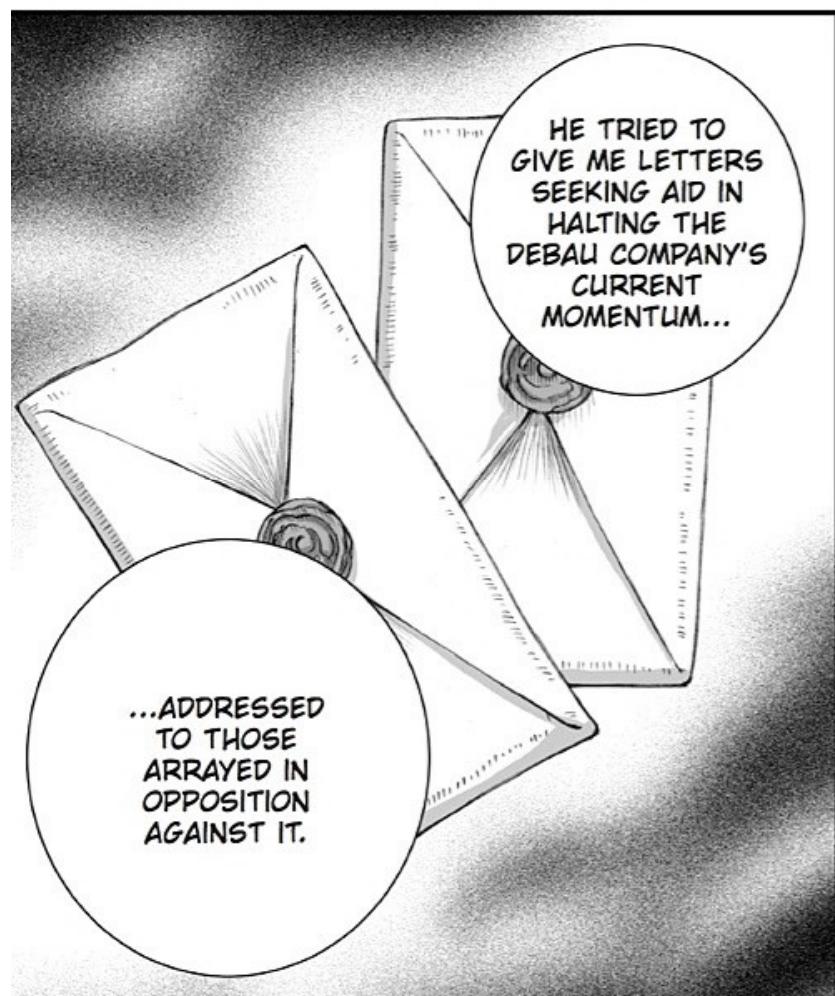


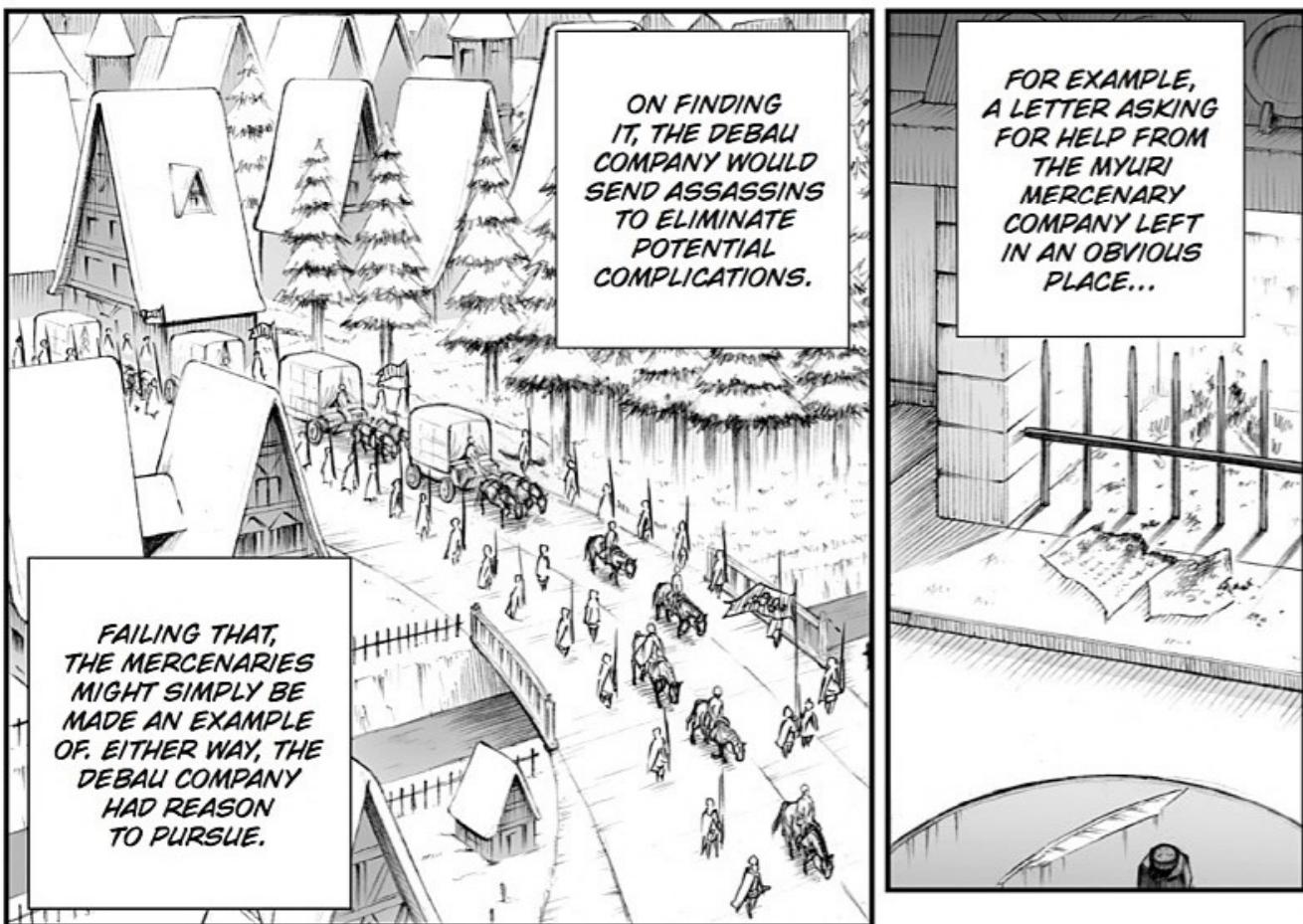




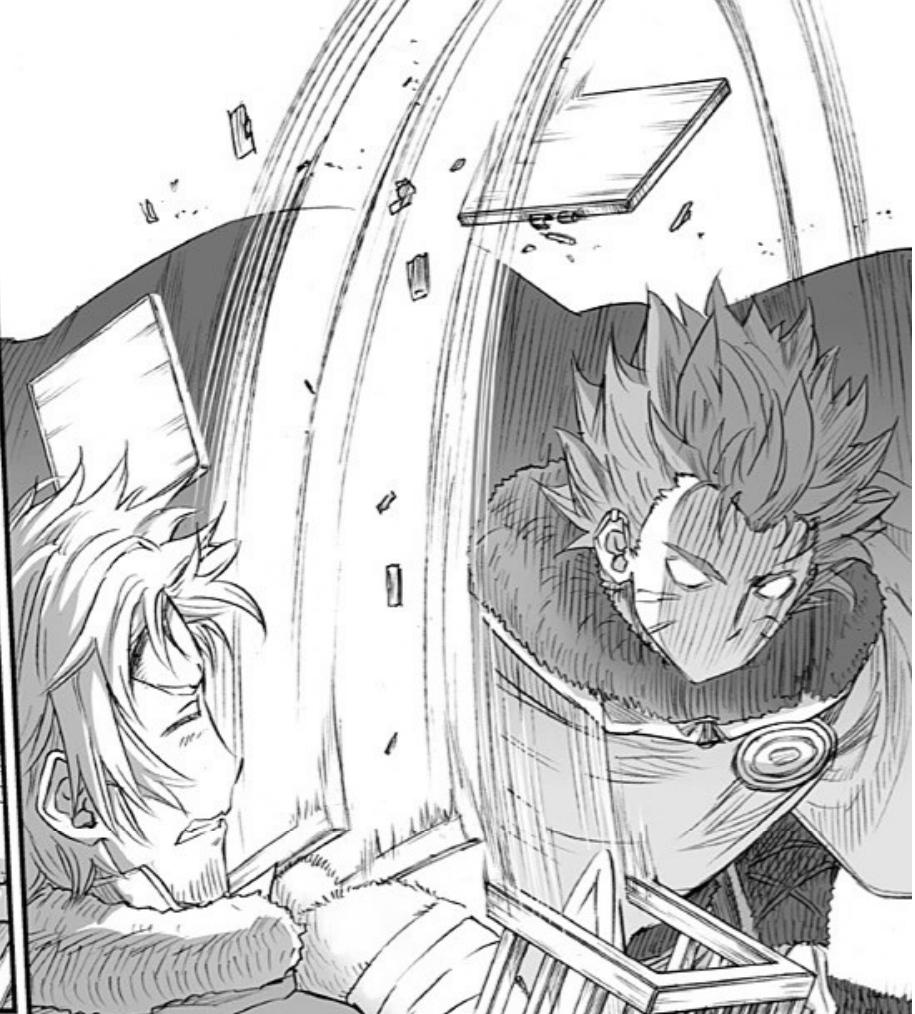




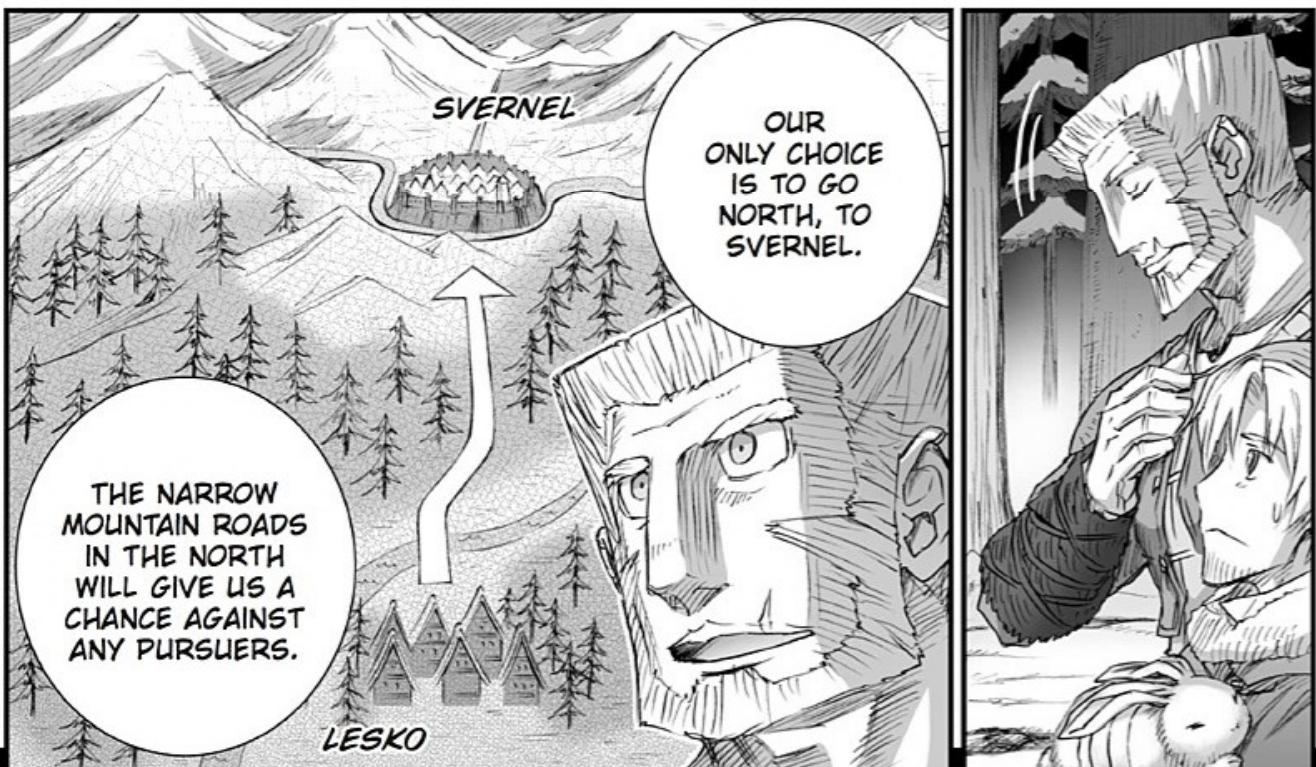












WE MUST  
RESPECT  
HIM.

SOMETIMES,  
A SINGLE  
ARROW CAN  
TURN THE  
TABLES IN  
WAR.

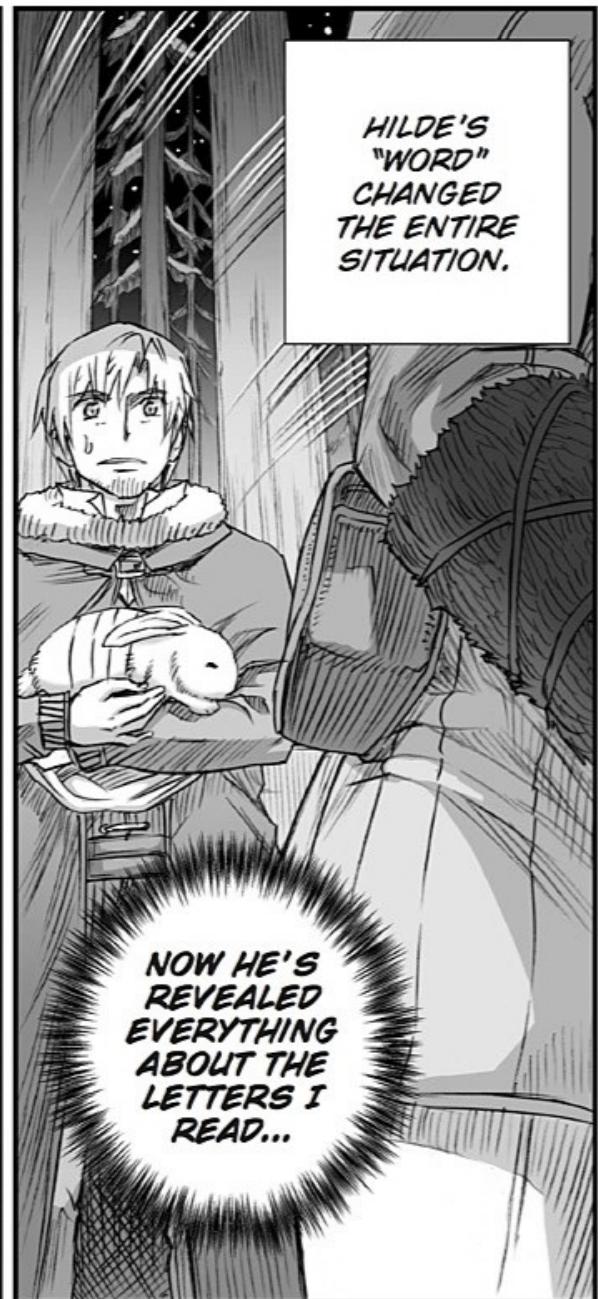
HE  
MANAGED  
THAT WITH  
JUST ONE  
WORD.

WE'LL GO  
ALONG WITH  
HIS PLAN  
AND DANCE  
BEAUTIFULLY  
FOR HIM.



MY APOLOGIES,  
MR. LAWRENCE,  
BUT I LEAVE  
HIM TO YOU.

I HAVE  
SOME  
WORK  
TO DO.



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# AFTERWORD

THIS IS KOUUME KEITO, ARTIST OF THE SPICE AND WOLF MANGA.  
IT'S WHAT WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR,  
THE ORIGINAL NOVELS HAVE STARTED UP AGAIN—AND TWO OF THEM AT THAT!  
DUE TO SUCH A HAPPY OCCASION,  
THE MANGA VERSION WILL NOW BE COMING OUT STRONG AS WELL.

• I REALLY THANK ALL THE READERS WHO HAVE STAYED WITH US THUS FAR.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS I'D LIKE TO SHOW BEFORE WE REACH OUR GOAL, SO I'D BE VERY HAPPY IF YOU STUCK AROUND.

Special  
Thanks!

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